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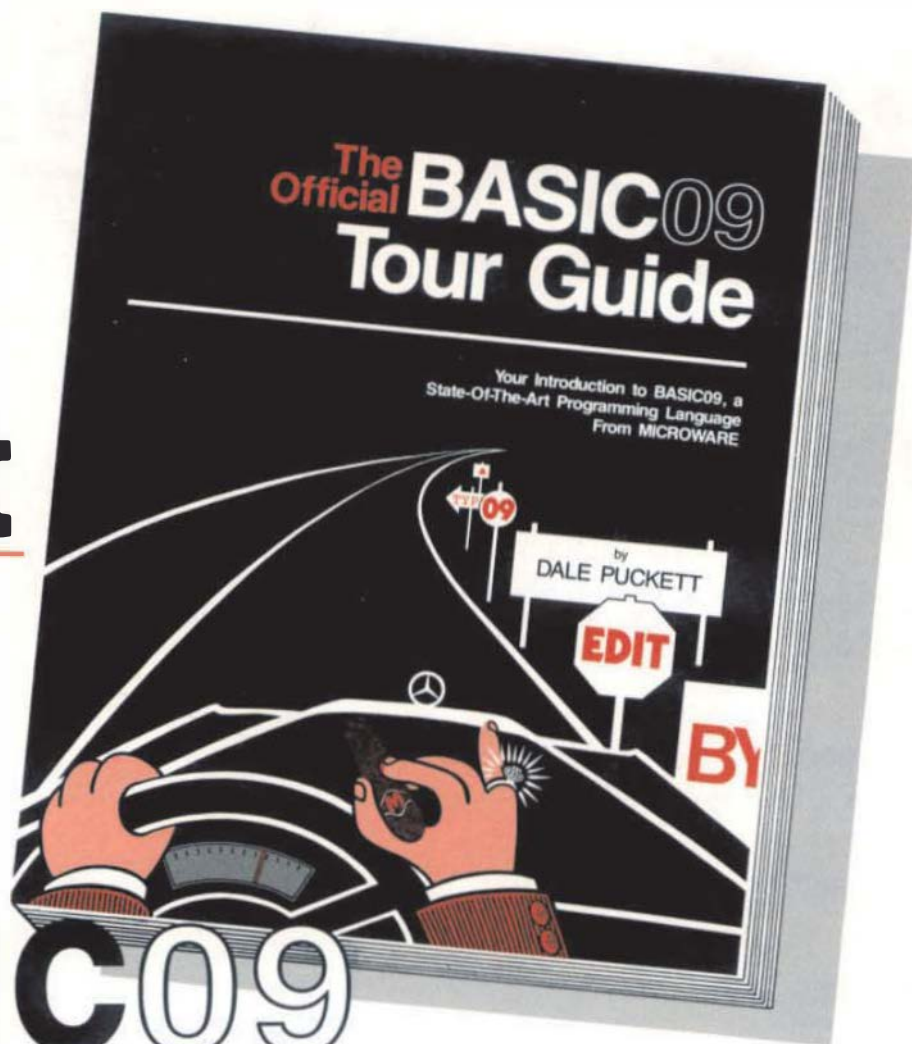
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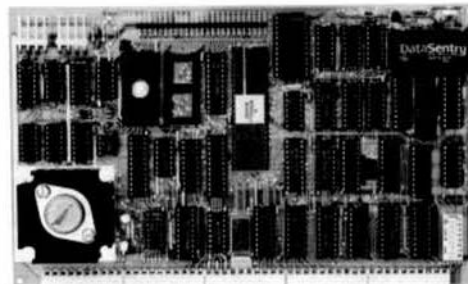
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## Bells and Whistles or Bricks and Mortar?

I recently have been doing some thinking about software again. This topic is the result of my having looked at a couple of products over the past several months. As usual, let me say first that I am not out to pick on anyone in particular, so I will use no names. What I am saying is that the author of software normally becomes so involved in the detail that he can't see the overall picture very clearly. (I include myself in these remarks). Because of this tendency, sometimes, the software writer will include a "cute" feature of marginal use to the user, while completely overlooking some very frequently used feature, either omitting it, or making it very awkward to use.

The first example might be a screen editor that I received some time ago. I found that it would actually total values in a table so that totals could be run for rows or columns or both. That is a nice "whistle" by my definition. I've never needed such a function in an editor, and if I did, it would be so easy to use a calculator alongside to do the totals, and then type them in.... Now, I was going into this editor's features and I discovered that in order to indent a paragraph, I had to put the cursor at the first line of the paragraph and type a sequence of instructions. At that point, the paragraph would reformat. Now to indent the next paragraph, it was again necessary to bump the cursor down to that paragraph and type the sequence of instructions in again. Worse, any editing of the first line of any paragraph, would cause the indent to be lost, and the process for that paragraph had to be repeated.

I imagine that most of you have used screen editors by now, and you know that most have some provision for indenting. The problem with the above mentioned editor could be fixed simply by modifying the paragraph formatter routine so it would ignore (and leave in place) any leading spaces at the start of a new paragraph. The spaces could be inserted by spacing or tabbing over a few spaces at the start of each paragraph, and would remain there permanently. When I wrote the supplier of the editor with the suggestion, he apparently didn't take kindly to my criticism, and he has not answered my letter. I don't know about everyone's applications for editors, but I would imagine that a paragraph indent would be performed vastly more times than totalizing the columns or rows in a table of numbers. I can only say that this editor was skimpy on the basic building blocks but contained unnecessary frills.

Example 2 is a compiler that I looked at recently. I found that it had a nice feature that would convert integer numbers to the equivalent Roman Numerals (in a choice of upper or lower case yet!). That is a nice feature that many users of the compiler would never use, and some would use infrequently. I found later that a couple of very standard features of the compiler had not been implemented. (In this case, the version I received was a "very preliminary" one, and the missing features are being implemented, but it struck me strange that the frills were done before the standard features).

When I wrote some software some time ago, I was guilty of doing some things "cleverly" that could have been done in a way much more standard to FLEX users. When this was pointed out to me by someone that received a copy for comments, I was defensive on first reading of the letter, but decided that the comments were quite valid, and I changed the software to make it operate in a manner much more as expected and in keeping with FLEX. I think the result was a greatly improved package.

Perhaps this indicates that not only is a software author too close to the project to be able to write the instruction manual, but that he may also be too close to the project to be objective about the features that are included. We all have software that is "almost". A second opinion would have made most of that software at least "great" if not perfect.

While I am throwing bricks, let me also pitch a couple of bouquets. Though there is reason to leave the bricks aimed at folks who will remain anonymous, there is no reason not to mention names for some positive feedback.

Dan Farnsworth of Palm Beach Software (and of recent "great debate" fame) sent me preliminary versions of his SPELLB. I gave it a workout and responded with several suggestions, all of which were taken seriously. Both Dan and I feel that the final result was better for having had two people look at it.

When I first received PL/9 I made a number of suggestions for improvements in features, and I found Graham Trott, its author, most willing to listen. Many of the suggested improvements were implemented, and the rest at least brought forth an explanation of why they couldn't be added.

## More Compiler Debate Evidence

I know, I said last time that the topic had been exhausted, but something has happened since then. Let me give you a case history of a project in which I have been involved. I've mentioned this previously, but it has come to a conclusion so I can report final results.

Several months ago, I received a call from a company that needed some help with software. They had a fairly complex calculation program that they had written for a 6800, in assembler. The execution time for the calculation was 160 seconds. "Send me the listing and a non-disclosure agreement, and I'll see what can be done", I said. The listing arrived, and I found that the math package was a BCD version. The scientific functions EXP, LOG, and XTOY (in BASIC XT) were required. The functions were accurate enough, but with the slow BCD arithmetic and overly complex functions, XTOY took 5 seconds all by itself.

A look at the code for the calculations showed that the author had used B5 and X12 liberally rather than the much faster B\*B and X\*X. I changed those and then as a first step wrote a new SQRT function since the package used X10.5 for the square root, and I knew that to be a slow calculation. The result was an execution time of 16 seconds. Next step was to write more efficient scientific functions. That done, the time was down to 8 seconds.

I had mentioned switching to a binary math package, and we decided to go in that direction for further improvement. I had a math package that I had done previously, and I made some improvements to it, adding the necessary scientific functions. Now, of course the calculations had to be recoded to match the new math package. It was about a 12 hour chore to recode the 8 or ten pages of calculations and get them debugged. Resulting execution time was not quite what I had hoped, but it was approximately 2.75 seconds. I could probably, with some hours of looking and hair pulling manage to get that down to 2.5 seconds or a little less.

I wrote the customer that I felt this was about as well as we could do with a 6800. Because the 6809 has the MUL instruction that does an 8 bit by 8 bit multiply in 12 microseconds (six on a 2 MHz system) it should run considerably faster, particularly in light of the fact that the scientific functions use many multiplies and few divides, so as to take advantage of the '09's capabilities.

I have a 6809 version of the binary math package, but I would have to code the improvements to make it compatible. I decided to test my theory about the '09 advantage by coding the calculation in PL/9 and seeing how fast it would run. Would you believe that it ran in 0.280 seconds? The MUL instruction brought about a speed advantage of nearly ten times, in going to a 6809. I've still not coded the 6809 binary math package for compatibility so I can't yet test it, but I'm betting it won't be much better (if any) than the PL/9 results.

I drew several conclusions from all this. First, Assembler code is not inherently fast. It has to be efficiently coded to have the speed advantage so glibly claimed by its proponents. Second the processor DOES make a difference, though the advantage of one processor over another will depend greatly on the application. In a simple control application consisting mostly of AND and OR logic and shifts and rotates, the 6809 would have no speed advantage over the 6800, for example. Third, compiled code is not necessarily slow or inefficient. The PL/9 output was about 20% larger than the best assembler code version, and about the same size as the original assembler code version.

As I stated above, the recoding of the calculations and the debug of the assembler version took about 12 hours. It took no more than half an hour to write the PL/9 code, and it was debugged in five minutes on the



second try. Now someone convince me that assembler was a better choice for this application!! I think this was a fair test. The job to be done was clearly defined at the start. The chore was simply one of coding the calculations, and there was no advantage gained by having done one version ahead of the other. I am about as familiar with and experienced in assembler coding as in PL/9 so there was no advantage one way or the other due to familiarity. I wrote the scientific functions package for the assembler version, and was responsible at least in part for the package in PL/9, so that there was no familiarity bias in that area either. The fact is that it is much easier to code:

Z=(1-SQR(B\*B+A\*A))/3\*(1/3)

Then it is to code:

```
JSR MATH
FCB PSB
FDB ONE
FCB PSB
FDB A
FCB CPY
FCB CPY
FCB FML
FCB FML
FCB PSB
FDB B
FCB CPY
FCB FML
FCB FAD
FCB PSB
FDB THREE
FCB FDV
FCB FSB
FCB PSB
FDB ONE
FCB PSB
FDB THREE
FCB FDV
FCB SWP
FCB EXT
JSR XTOY
JSR MATH
FCB STR
FDB Z
```

I made a couple of mistakes in coding the above example and had to correct them just now. Multiply this little example by 20 or so, and you get an idea of the order of magnitude of the project.

#### Maintenance Policy

I've recently been disturbed by what seemed to be restrictive policies on the part of Windrush Microsystems, and I wrote and told them so. Their reply to my criticism is well thought out and it explains their policies quite well, so, with their permission, I am going to explain here.

My irritation was over the fact that Windrush won't provide an update of a customer's compiler unless that customer returns the original disk on which the software was supplied, to England, fully insured. Windrush then will supply the update on the original disk, to the customer. My irritation was twofold. First, it takes a long time for a disk to make a round trip to England. Second, insurance and postage are not cheap. "Why can't you have U. S. distributors provide updates?" I asked. Well, I found out. Let me quote from Bill Dickinson's letter.

"The fact that we upgrade customers who report bugs free of charge has got to be worth the delay and cost of postage back to the U.K. If we wanted to get clever we would start charging maintenance like everybody else. I'll let you decide which of the two policies is the better one:

1. You buy my product. You've got 90 days to report any problems with it. If you find a bug on the 91st day you have got to buy my maintenance contract to get the bug fixed. My maintenance contract costs \$75.00 per year. You will have to send me the original disks to get bugs fixed on your maintenance contract. You've had my product for over a year. I just released a new version with all sorts of improvements. You have not been paying for maintenance so you will have to pay for the upgrade which is 50% of the purchase price of a new one. If you have paid me \$75 a year for the past two years you will get the upgrade free.

2. You buy my product. If you find a bug I don't care if you bought it last week or two years ago, I will try to

resolve the problem. If solving the problem means giving you the latest version of the product then you will get the latest version of the product free of charge. All you have to do is send me the original disk. You've had my product for over a year. I just released a new version with all sorts of improvements. All you have to do is send me \$25.00 and the original disk. I will send you the latest version and a new manual (if applicable)."

Of course Windrush's guarantee is the latter. Bill's letter continues:

"Asking for the original disk back may seem to be a waste of everyone's time until you consider the following points:

"We do not keep any sales records from one year to the next. Therefore we have no way of verifying whether someone is a 'paid up' customer or a rip-off artist. If the customer can produce our original disk then he is considered to be legitimate. If he can't he isn't.

"It prevents the customer from selling his old copy to someone else, who then expects to get an upgrade for \$25.00!

"We have a great desire to keep our administrative costs to a very low level. If our administrative costs start to rise then we will have to adopt policy #1 as it will be the only way we could recover the losses.

"We lose money on \$25.00 upgrades and positively lose money when we give someone a copy of the latest version to fix a bug he has discovered in a product that is two years old. The least the customer should be willing to do is to send us his disk back at a cost of about \$15.00 and wait bit for the replacement.

"It is not really practical to send 'upgrade' packs to the distributors to stock as there is always the danger that they will be sold and neither we nor the author see any money from the sale.

"The bottom line is that for us to be able to support policy #2 the customer has got to be willing to put up with a little delay. If you had the choice of paying us an additional \$75.00 within 90 days of purchasing the product and \$75 for every year of maintenance you wanted in return for the ability to phone us for a free copy of the latest version (without having to return the disk first) would you pay it? I rest my case."

Bill, thanks for the clarification and defense of your policies. Now they make rather good sense to me. I've always found Windrush responsive to reports of bugs. One thing else to remember is that it takes about ten days for a letter from the U.S. to make it to England and about the same the other way. Of course I am talking about air mail letters. In addition to the mail delay, software authors sometimes get busy or have other commitment so that they can't drop everything and search for a bug immediately.

Well, Don Williams tells me that I have been getting a little too long winded lately, so I am going to give him some space for some other stuff this time.

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# OS9 USER NOTES

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## The First Step Into OS-9

There has been some call recently for information for the beginning user of OS-9. Color Computer users new to OS-9 feel swamped by the number of details involved in the operating system. This column is an attempt to make OS-9 seem simpler to new users.

The OS-9 operating system has started to develop a reputation for complexity and obscurity -- in other words, user hostility. It is an unjust accusation. The thing that makes OS-9 appear confusing is the way it is presented. There are many subtle features in the operating system, and a large array of utilities. The manuals that come with it could help but don't. The OS-9 manuals were written as reference manuals, not tutorials. They drop everything on you at once. A new OS-9 user who is experienced with computers or very brave should read the manuals, wrap his mind around the whole thing, and sit down at the computer to enjoy OS-9. That is the quick, brute force way to learn OS-9, but if it doesn't work for you, I recommend a gentler approach.

My copy of CoCo OS-9 includes about fifty commands. All these commands are important to at least some people, but most of them are only confusing to new OS-9 users. The entire English language includes more than a hundred thousand words, but most people only use fewer than twenty thousand of them, and it is possible to communicate with a vocabulary of a thousand words or less. Operating systems like Unix and OS-9 are very much like English in that respect. Of all the commands available under OS-9 about a dozen are really necessary.

The bare minimum set of OS-9 commands are:

backup  
copy  
del  
dir  
edit  
format  
free  
list  
rename

shell The shell is the program which processes the commands you type into OS-9 and runs the other commands. Several commands are built into the shell. They are:

chd  
chx  
ex  
w  
kill

setpr The only shell commands that you really need to know are chd and chx, if you mean to do assembly language programming you will also need:

asm  
debug If you will be using Basic09 you will need:  
Basic09  
Run8  
GFX

Of all these commands there are four that need explanation especially badly. Format needs to be discussed because it is dangerous; if it is used

carelessly it can destroy important information. BACKUP is a relatively fast way to copy an entire disk (it is a very good thing to get into the habit of doing this); perhaps a careful discussion of BACKUP will encourage people to use it more. Explaining DIR is a good excuse to say a few things about directories: one of the more important features of OS-9. CHX and CHD also relate to directories, and seem straightforward. What they are supposed to do is less important to a person with a OS-9 on a small computer than their unofficial side effects.

## Format

The format command is the first one to use. Until a disk has been formatted it is unuseable to OS-9. The format command writes a pattern on the disk which marks the disk off into sectors (which amount to pigeon-holes for OS-9 to store data in). After writing the pattern format checks the disk to make certain the pattern is recorded correctly on the disk. If it isn't, format will note that the sectors where the errors occurred are faulty, and those sectors won't be used to store data. Format also writes some information which will be used to manage files on that disk. In the process of doing all this the format program completely erases the disk. If the disk is fresh out of a box of new disks you can feel certain that there is nothing on the disk that you care about, but, if it is one you are recycling, be very careful. After format is started any data that was on that disk is gone forever.

Put the disk you want to format in the drive you aren't using for the system disk (I'm going to assume you have your system disk in the drive OS-9 calls /D0, and the disk you want to format in drive /D1). Invoke the format command by typing FORMAT /D1 at the OS-9 prompt. The command line should look like:

OS9:FORMAT /D1 to which you should get the response:

COLOR COMPUTER FORMATTER  
FORMATTING DRIVE /D1  
Y (YES) OR N (NO)

READY? This is format giving you a chance to change your mind. It is also a way for you to format disks if you only have one drive, by asking format to format the disk in drive /D0 and replacing the system disk with the disk you want to format in at this point. In either case double check that you are about to format the correct disk. If you want to be especially safe take your system disk out of drive /D0 at this point even if you are formatting the disk in drive one. There is no danger at all of format writing on the wrong disk, but you can't be too careful. If you reply N to the READY? prompt format will quit immediately leaving the disk intact. If you reply Y, there will be a pause (23 seconds on my CoCo), then format will prompt you for a name for the disk. The prompt will look like:

DISK NAME: At this point enter the name you have assigned to the disk. The name can be up to 32 characters long and may include blanks. Follow the disk name with an ENTER. Format will now check the disk. As it checks each track on the disk it will write the track number to the screen in hexadecimal (base 16). If you have a thirty five track drive, the numbers will be from 000 to 022. Then format will print the message:

NUMBER OF GOOD SECTORS: \$000276 If the number is smaller than 276 (a base 16 number which is 630 in decimal) some sectors were faulty.

If you want to demonstrate to yourself that format did something to the disk try the FREE command on the new disk. Enter the command FREE /D1. The command line should look like:



OS9:FREE /D1 The response should be something like:

```
disk name CREATED ON 84/01/24
CAPACITY: 630 SECTORS (1-SECTOR
CLUSTERS)
620 FREE SECTORS, LARGEST BLOCK
620 SECTORS Where "disk name" in the first line
of the response will be the name you gave the disk
when you formatted it.
```

#### Backup

The next command to use after the format command is BACKUP. It is crucial to have a backup copy of each software distribution disk you have. If you make an error that damages the only disk with an important piece of software on it you will have to wait until you can get a replacement for the disk before you can use your computer again. Even if the time wasted waiting for the replacement disk isn't important to you, consider that replacement disks cost money.

Backup is a relatively fast way to create an exact copy of a disk. It has lots of options, but the simplest way to use the command is to just give the command BACKUP. The command line should look like:

```
OS9:BACKUP The response will be:
READY TO BACKUP FROM /D0 TO /D1
```

?: At this point put the disk you want to copy in /D0 and a formatted disk which has nothing you want to keep on it in drive /D1. Then check the disk in /D1 ... BACKUP will erase anything that's on that disk. When you are certain everything is OK type Y. Now BACKUP will double check with you by telling you the name of the disk in drive /D1. The message will look like:

```
THE DISK
IS BEING SCRATCHED
```

OK ?: If you reply Y to this, the backup from the disk in /D0 to the disk in /D1 will take place. The disk in /D1 will become an exact copy of the disk in /D0 right down to the disk's name.

The BACKUP command takes what seems like a long time to run. There are two things that can speed it up. One is to use the -V option which prevents the copy from being verified. I don't suggest that anyone use this option. The other way to speed BACKUP up is to instruct OS-9 to give it extra memory to run in. BACKUP can use extra memory to run more quickly. BACKUP ran for one minute 58 seconds when I started it with the command line:

```
OS9:BACKUP Normally BACKUP uses 19 pages of
memory. If you give it more -- say 100 pages --
with the command line:
```

```
OS9:BACKUP 100 it runs in one minute 48
seconds. It is also quieter because the heads on
the disks don't load and unload as often.
```

#### Dir

The command which tells you what files are on your disks is the Dir (short for directory) command. If you just type DIR after booting OS-9 you will get a response like

```
DIRECTORY OF . 23:55:08
OS9BOOT CMDS SYS
DEFS STARTUP
```

This means that you are listing the current directory which is known by the pseudonym "." at 11:55:08 in the evening. The files in that directory are OS9BOOT, CMDS, SYS, DEFS, and STARTUP. Now, in fact only OS9BOOT and STARTUP are normal files, the other three files are subdirectories. Subdirectories are such an interesting topic that they were the subject of their own column some months ago, and won't be covered any more than absolutely necessary here. To find out more about the files than their names use

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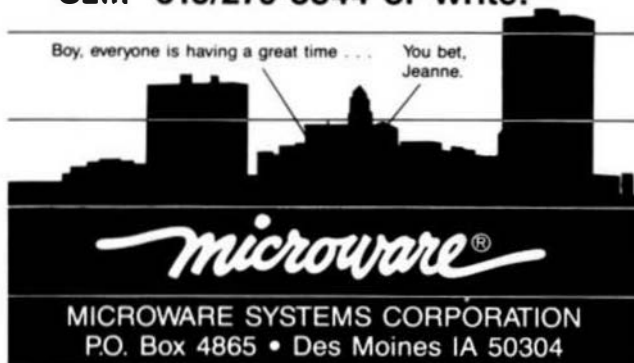
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the command DIR E.

OS9:DIR E which will respond:  
DIRECTORY OF . 23:59:57

CREATED ON ATTR	OWNER START	NAME SIZE
83/06/02 1921	0	OS9BOOT
-----WR	A	3032
83/06/02 1956	0	CMDS
D-EWREWR	3C	6AO
83/06/02 2002	0	SYS
D-EWREWR	164	AO
83/06/02 2002	0	DEFS
D-EWREWR	17F	CO
83/06/02 2003	0	STARTUP
----R-WR	1F5	

E then it will stop because the screen is full. When you are ready to continue hit any key ... I usually press the space bar. That was the end of the directory, so all you get after you let the output continue is a few blank lines and a new OS9 prompt.

Two of the fields in the DIR E output are of no special interest until you become an advanced OS-9 user: OWNER, and START. The first two fields for each file are the date and time the file was created. The date is in the usual YY/MM/DD format and the time is in HHMM format with hours ranging from 00 to 23. The attributes field contains information about what the file can be used for. The important thing right now is that files with a D as the first character in the attribute field are directories. Files with a dash as the first character in their attribute field are normal files.

The other option which can be used with the DIR command is X. The X option is a short hand way to get the directory of the execution directory; that is, the directory OS-9 searches for programs, like the commands, you ask it to run. The command line: DIR X will give you a rather long list of all the files in your execution directory. If you haven't written any of your own programs, this will be a list of all the commands and utility programs which came with OS-9. You will probably have to press the space bar in the middle of the output of this command. It is more than one page long.

#### Chx and Chd

Chx stands for Change Execution Directory, Chd for Change Data Directory. OS-9 expects to find all commands, whether they are part of the operating system or something you wrote, in the execution directory. All files that you don't mean to execute are looked for in the data directory. (There are ways around both of these restrictions, but let's skip that for now.) After you boot OS-9 you will find that the execution directory is /D0/CMDS and the data directory is /D0. If you have a second drive (I have been assuming that you do) you will probably want to use that for data. The command:

CHD /D1 will cause all future references to data files to look for them on /D1.

To speed OS-9 up, the location of the directory file on the disk is kept in memory. This leads to the important side effect of the Chd and Chx commands. When you read the directory OS-9 goes directly to the directory's location on disk and starts reading ... imagine what would happen if you fooled OS-9 by changing disks. You change disks and type a command like

LIST FOO or even just DIR. Your operating system will start reading where the directory is supposed to be. Since the disk with a directory at the selected spot is sitting in its envelope and some other disk is in the drive, OS-9 will find

something unexpected where the directory was. The result could be any of a number of error messages. The solution to this problem is to always give OS-9 a chance to locate the directories on a new disk by giving it Chd and Chx commands as necessary when you change disks.

There is one last tricky thing about the Chx/Chd commands' special use. If you keep things very simple it will seem that you only need to use the Chx command, but this is just a special case. I suggest that you learn how to make directories and use them as soon as you can, but, until you start using them, the new disks you use to store data will only have the directory FORMAT automatically creates (called the "root directory"). The root directory is always at the same location on a disk. Because of this special fact about the root directory OS-9 is always able to find it, and changing disks that only have the root directory on them won't cause any trouble. The execution directory is usually not the root directory, so this special case doesn't generally apply to it.

The set of commands I have mentioned in this column might be considered a "starter set" for OS-9. The dozens of commands I left out are certainly worth learning, but you can get OS-9 working with these few.

Dops

I neglected to mention a few months ago that OFlex as reviewed in this column is available only from Glimx. Richard Don, the salesman for Glimx, explained the genealogy of OFlex to me. It is Flex by TSC adapted by Richard Hogg to run under OS-9. Glimx provides enhanced disk Device Drivers to support Flex's requirements, and made some enhancements to Richard Hogg's design. Anyone who takes out licenses from TSC and Richard Hogg can sell OFlex, but the version I reviewed has features added by Glimx.

## "C" User Notes

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#### INTRODUCTION

This month's column discusses the new Tandy C compiler for COCO OS/9 and provides an example of the use of the C language in interfacing with interrupt-driven devices; in particular, the COCO printer port.

#### TANDY C COMPILER

Tandy has recently begun marketing the Microware (McCosh) C compiler for the COCO for \$99.00. This is in sharp contrast to the Microware cost of \$250.00 for essentially the same product. It includes its own relocating macro assembler, for which Microware asks \$125.00, if purchased separately from the C compiler.

For a COCO OS/9 user, the situation is excellent, in that Tandy has made a full C compiler available for \$99.00, along with reasonably good documentation, which is a typeset version of the Microware C manual. Even the relocating macro assembler itself may be worth the \$99.00.

For non-COCO OS/9 users, the situation is not quite so clear. Although the price is very good, there are several non-monetary disincentives to the use of the Tandy C.

One obstacle which must be cleared is the COCO OS/9 format of the Tandy C diskette. There are several means of solving this problem. If a COCO is available, the D. P. Johnson SDISK software may be used to copy it to a standard OS/9 mini-floppy format. If no COCO is available, but a GIMIX system with mini-floppies is available, the GIMIX COCO driver may be used to read the diskettes. If mini-floppy diskettes are not acceptable, the files may be transmitted with one of the available modem programs from one system to another.

A small problem with the Tandy C package concerns the fact that it does not include the K & R C book, while the Microware C package contains it. The highest price noted for this book is \$19.95, from Microware.

Another disadvantage with the Tandy C for OS/9 Level 2 users is that only the version of C for OS/9 Level 1 is included, whereas the Microware C provides versions of C for both OS/9 Level 1 and OS/9 Level 2. There may be subtle differences in the versions of the compilers for the two levels of OS/9, but I am aware of no differences aside from the obvious one of two passes for the OS/9 Level 1 version.

For new users, the Tandy C compiler is supported by Tandy service and the Microware C compiler is supported by the Microware hot-line. Both services are free for the first ninety days, and available for a fee subsequently. The Microware support costs \$150.00 per year for all products.

Following is a table representing the combined alphabetized directories of each of the C compiler release diskettes.

Microware/McCosh	Tandy
cmds.common/c.asm	cmds/c.asm
cmds.common/c.link	cmds/c.link
cmds.common/c.opt	cmds/c.opt
cmds.common/c.prep	cmds/c.prep
cmds.ll/c.com	
cmds.ll/c.pass1	cmds/c.pass1
cmds.ll/c.pass2	cmds/c.pass2
cmds.ll/ccl	cmds/ccl
cmds.lll/c.comp	
cmds.lll/cc2	
defs/ctype.h	defs/ctype.h
defs/direct.h	defs/direct.h
defs/errno.h	defs/errno.h
defs/modes.h	defs/modes.h
defs/module.h	defs/module.h
defs/os9.h	defs/os9.h
defs/os9defs.a	defs/os9defs.a
defs/setjmp.h	defs/setjmp.h
defs/sgstat.h	defs/sgstat.h
defs/signal.h	defs/signal.h
defs/stdio.h	defs/stdio.h
defs/time.h	defs/time.h
lib/clib.l	lib/clib.l
lib/cstart.r	lib/cstart.r
sources/line.c	sources/line.c
sources/prof.c	sources/prof.c
sources/rdump.c	sources/rdump.c
sources/sys/abort.a	sources/sys/abort.a
sources/sys/access.a	sources/sys/access.a
sources/sys/ccdevice.a	
sources/sys/cfinish.a	sources/sys/cfinish.a
sources/sys/change.a	sources/sys/change.a
sources/sys/comp.sys	sources/sys/comp.sys
sources/sys/cstart.a	sources/sys/cstart.a
sources/sys/dlr.a	sources/sys/dlr.a

sources/sys/ld.a	sources/sys/ld.a
sources/sys/intercept.a	sources/sys/intercept.a
sources/sys/lo.a	sources/sys/lo.a
sources/sys/make.sys	sources/sys/make.sys
sources/sys/mem.a	sources/sys/mem.a
sources/sys/misc.a	sources/sys/misc.a
sources/sys/mod.a	sources/sys/mod.a
sources/sys/process.a	sources/sys/process.a
sources/sys/profdummy.a	sources/sys/profdummy.a
sources/sys/signal.a	sources/sys/signal.a
sources/sys/stat.a	sources/sys/stat.a
sources/sys/syscall.a	sources/sys/syscall.a
sources/sys/syscommon.a	sources/sys/syscommon.a
sources/sys/tydup.a	sources/sys/tydup.a
sources/sys/time.a	sources/sys/time.a

The only differences between the versions, in terms of the file structures of the release diskettes, involve the organization of the compilers and the file "sources/sys/ccdevice.a". As far as could be determined, the contents of the corresponding non-executable files on the release diskettes are identical. The "ccdevice.a" file provides a simple means of changing the assumed device containing the DEFS and LIB files. Since this is assumed not to be a problem with COCO OS/9, it is not provided on the diskette. However, the device strings in the compiler and preprocessor could be found and patched if this were a problem in a particular environment.

The objection to the use of the Tandy version of C on non-Tandy systems may present a problem to copyright purists. Copyright lawyers disagree on such usage, but most do not envision a conflict with the existing copyright laws, assuming the product is not used for resale. The standard Tandy copyright notice in the manual does not prohibit the use of the software on a non-Tandy system, and allows the making of backup copies for the customer's use.

Hopefully, this discussion has clarified, not obscured, the issue of the use of Tandy C on non-COCO systems.

#### INTERFACING C PROGRAMS WITH INTERRUPT-DRIVEN DEVICES

Recently, I had been attempting to get a modem program working properly under COCO OS/9, using the internal printer port. The program is written in C and was already working on several non-COCO 6809-based computers.

The primary problems involved the original RS232 driver module, which had several serious errors, including the lack of a status function and its inability to process characters properly at any rate over 300 Baud. After procuring a replacement module from Dale Puckett and rewriting it to correct the status function and other problems, its performance continued to be unacceptable.

The primary problem with the original and revised RS232 modules concerns the bit-banging nature of the printer port when used for input. The original module polls for characters on each interrupt and has no input or output character queues. The revised module uses the FIRQ interrupt to signal the beginning of an input character, and places the characters into an input queue, but normally receives characters properly only until its queue is full.

With either module, to ensure proper timing, interrupts must be masked during the reception or transmission of characters from or to the printer port. The input routine waits until half of the first bit time has elapsed, then checks the status of the line for each bit time to determine which bit pattern is on the input line. The output routine



places the appropriate signal on the output line for the time corresponding to each bit time. In order to construct the ASCII character code, with transmission envelope of one start bit and one stop bit.

All other processing on the COCO is restricted to the time between character reception or transmission. If characters are being received or transmitted continuously, the time between characters is only about ten percent of the available time for processing. The overhead involved with OS/9 uses up most of this small amount, leaving the program an insufficient amount of time to process input data, even if only stuffing the characters into memory, and the queue overflows if enough characters are received to fill it.

I decided to change the concept of the character collection process to that of an interrupt-driven handler depositing the incoming characters into a large (possibly circular) buffer, from which the C program could draw the characters. This helps reduce the OS/9 overhead and postpones the queue-full situation until the circular buffer overflows, which may not occur if the user is careful in what the COCO is requested to receive.

The real point of the inclusion of the C functions described below is not to demonstrate how to use the printer port on the COCO, but to provide a concrete example of the use of C programs with interrupt drivers. Many other situations will be similar to this one, and will often be more complex, especially in the area of output.

The COCO printer connector must be wired as follows:  
pins 1 and 2 received data  
pin 3 ground  
pin 4 transmitted data

In order to allow a FIRQ interrupt to be generated at the beginning of each character.

The output characters are written directly to the port, since there is no interrupt to indicate that the port is ready for output, as in the ACIA and other chips more suited for serial output. Characters are transmitted and received as eight-bit bytes with no parity.

The C program controls the processing of the input and output characters thru a group of functions, the logic of which is implemented thru assembler-language text. They are as follows:

xinitpia	sets up pia and firq
xtermpla	resets pia and firq
xresbuf	resets buffer pointers
xmaskpia	disables firq
xunmkpia	enables firq
xoutpia	transmits one character

Xinitpia establishes the boundaries of the large buffer, the addresses of the head and tail queue pointers, the address of the overflow flag, the circularity state of the buffer, and the baud rate delay factor. It establishes the firq vector, but disables the firq interrupt itself. It calls xresbuf to reset the queue pointers and overflow flag.

Xtermpla restores the original firq vector and disables the firq interrupt.

Xresbuf resets the head and tail queue pointers to the beginning of the buffer, sets the circularity state of the buffer, and resets the overflow flag.

Xmaskpia disables the firq interrupt.

Xunmkpia enables the firq interrupt.

Xoutpia transmits a character at the specified baud rate.

Although it may bother OS/9 purists, the functions share a work area into which they store data on a pc-relative basis. This could have not easily been avoided, because of the interrupt-driven nature of the code. However, the COCO has only one printer port, and thus it can logically have only one owner active at any point in time, so sharable code is not a problem.

There are a few rules the C driver program must obey. The primary one is that it may not arbitrarily manipulate the queue head and tail pointers. In particular, it should not directly modify the head pointer and should advance the tail pointer by one and only after removing each character from the buffer. If the buffer is circular, the tail pointer must be reset to the beginning of the buffer when it overflows the end of the buffer. The overflow flag is actually a counter of the number of characters which could not be placed into the buffer; it may be zeroed after interrogation.

The COCO must not be requested by any user, not only the printer port user, to perform operations (such as disk I/O) which would cause interrupts to be masked during periods of character reception, or input characters may be lost. Since OS/9 itself periodically masks interrupts to perform such operations such as timer service routines, the exact time delay between the start of the character and the start of the firq handling routine will vary slightly. This may cause an occasional garbled input character at higher baud rates.

The program must call xinitpia to establish the routine's necessary pointers, vectors, and flags. During periods when no characters are to be placed into the buffer, the xmaskpia function should be used. Conversely, when characters are to be allowed into the buffer, the xunmkpia function should be used. The xtermpla function must be used before the program terminates; it disables the firq interrupt and restores the firq vector.

The baud rate delay factor specifies the number of delay loops required to correctly receive or transmit characters on the printer port. The following table provides the suggested delay factors for certain standard baud rates:

baud rate	delay factor
110	\$04cc
300	\$01bf
600	\$00de
1200	\$006d
2400	\$0036
4800	\$001b
9600	\$000e
19200	\$0007

Because baud rates may vary by as much as ten percent from device to device, some modification in the suggested values may be required in specific cases to reduce the error rate.

The functions just described are presented below, along with a simple main function which displays the characters input into the buffer from the printer port. In order to provide a termination point, the buffer is made non-circular and the program terminates when the buffer is full.

```

main()
{
    char buff[1000];
    char *head,*tail;
    int over;
    xinitpia(&buff[0],&buff[999],&head,&tail,&over,0,0x601;
    xunakpia();
    while (tail<=&buff[999])
    {
        while (head==tail);
        putchar (*tail++);
    }
    xtermpia();
}

```

```

xinitpia (buff,bufe,head,tail,over,circ,baud)
char *buff,*bufe,*head,*tail,*over;
int circ,baud;
{
    *base
    *****
    * initpia (buff,bufe,head,tail,over,circ,baud)
    * initialize pia and start processing
    *
    initpia pshs cc,dp,x
    orcc $50 mask interrupts
    ldx $ff20 point to pia
    clr $01,x data direction
    lda $ffe set rs-232 lines
    sta ,x mostly output
    lda $36 set data register
    sta $01,x
    lda $(parlas-parfir) initialize internal storage
    leax $0a,s point to first parameter in stack
    leay parfir,pcr point to storage
    initlp ldb ,x+ copy parameter list
    stb ,y+
    deca
    bne initlp
    ldd circ,pcr reset buffer pointers and flags
    pshs d,x,y,u
    lbrs resbuf
    puls d,x,y,u
    leax basicp,pcr set new firq vector
    ldy $frqos9 os/9 firq vector address
    ldd $7ecd check for flex
    cpd $cd00
    bne initos
    cpd $cd03
    bne initos
    ldy $frqflx flex firq vector address
    ldb ,y flex firq jump
    stb oldjmp,pcr
    sta ,y+ jump
    initos sty oldadr,pcr
    ldy ,y remember firq vector
    sty oldfrq,pcr
    stx [oldadr,pcr] replace firq vector
    puls cc,dp,x
    lbra overfirq
    *****

```

```

* basicp
* basic pia input driver
*
basicp pshs d,dp,x,y,u stack other registers
leax worka,pcr build dp-register
tfr x,d
tfr a,dp
ldd baud,pcr baud delay factor
cpd $000b >9600 baud
bhi basic1 wait for rest of start bit
ldb $08 get bit count
pshs b hold it
bra basic5 get the character
basic1 lsra divide delay factor in half
rorb for start bit
subd $0005 overhead
basic2 subd $0001
bne basic2 time half bit
ldb $08 get bit count
pshs b hold it
basic3 ldd baud,pcr baud delay factor
subd $0005 overhead
basic4 subd $0001
bne basic4 time full bit
basic5 ldb $ff22 get incoming bit
lsrb hold bit in cc
ror <worka build the character
dec ,s decrease bit count
bne basic3 done with character?
puls b
lda $ff20 clear pending interrupt
lda <worka get character
ldx [head,pcr] get head pointer
sta ,x+ put character into buffer
cmpx [tail,pcr] check tail pointer
beq basic7
cmpx bufe,pcr check for end of buffer
bls basic6
ldd [circ,pcr] check circular flag
beq basic7
ldx buff,pcr reset to start of buffer
basic6 stx [head,pcr] set new head pointer
bra basic9
basic7 ldd [over,pcr] incr overflow flag
addd $0001
beq basic9 ensure no rollover
std [over,pcr]
basic9 puls d,dp,x,y,u restore other registers
rti return to the original task
*****
* interrupt handler storage areas
*
parfir equ * first parameter
buff fdb $0000 address of start of buffer
bufe fdb $0000 address of end of buffer
head fdb $0000 address of head pointer
tail fdb $0000 address of tail pointer
over fdb $0000 address of overflow flag
circ fdb $0000 circular buffer flag
baud fdb $0000 baud rate delay factor

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```

parlas equ * last parameter
oldadr fdb $0000 old firq address
oldjmp fcb $00 old firq jump
oldfrq fdb $0000 old firq vector
worka fcb $00 work area
frqos9 equ $0030 os/9 firq vector
frqflx equ $010f flex firq vector
overfirq equ *
@endasm
;
)

xterpia ()
(
@asm
*****
* terpia ()
* terminate pia processing
*
terpia pshs cc,x
orcc $50 mask interrupts
bsr maskpia mask firq from pia
ldd oldfrq,pcr restore firq vector
ldx oldadr,pcr
std ,x
cmpx @(frqflx+1) check for flex
bne terpix
lda oldjmp,pcr restore jump
sta ~$01,x
terpix clra return zero
clrb
puls cc,x
@endasm
;
)

xresbuf (circ)
int circ;
(
@asm
*****
* resbuf (circ)
* reset buffer pointers and flags
*
resbuf pshs cc
orcc $50 mask interrupts
bsr maskpia mask firq from pia
ldd buff,pcr
std [head,pcr]
std [tail,pcr]
ldd $07,s
std circ,pcr
clra
clrb
std [over,pcr]
puls cc
@endasm
;
)

```

```

xmaskpia ()
(
@asm
*****
* maskpia ()
* disable firq from pia
*
maskpia pshs cc
orcc $50 mask interrupts
lda $34 disable firq from pia
sta $ff21
lda $ff20 clear pending interrupts
clra return zero
clrb
puls cc
@endasm
;
)

xunmaskpia ()
(
@asm
*****
* unmaskpia ()
* enable firq from pia
*
unmaskpia pshs cc
orcc $50 mask interrupts
lda $35 enable firq from pia
sta $ff21
lda $ff20 clear pending interrupts
clra return zero
clrb
puls cc
@endasm
;
)

xoutpia (chr)
char chr;
(
@asm
*****
* outpia (chr)
* send one character to pia
*
outpia ldb $09 number of bits to output
pshs b,cc store bit count and interrupt flags
clrb clear carry for start bit
orcc $50 mask interrupts
outpi1 ldb $02 pia mask for 1 bit
bcs outpi2 if carry set, write a 1 else write 0
clrb pia mask for 0 bit
outpi2 stb $ff20 put the bit on the line
ldd baud,pcr baud delay factor
subd $0006 overhead
outpi3 subd $0001
bne outpi3 time full bit
lsr $09,s shift character for next bit
dec $01,s count bits

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bne outpl continue if more bits
ldb #02 pia mask for 1 bit
stb #ff20 put stop bit on line
ldb #ff20 clear interrupts
puls cc,b
clra return zero
clrb
wendasm
;
)

```

#### SUMMARY

This month's column discussed the Tandy C compiler for COCO 05/9 and the use of a C program in driving the COCO printer port using interrupts to indicate input operations in order to attempt to receive the characters more accurately.

## 68000 USER NOTES

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For this month's column, I have the results of the prime number benchmark on my 68008. There are also listings of the C and assembler programs used in the test. I also will cover the various programs included in the OS-9/68K package a little more deeply.

#### A Speed Test

What would a new computer be without someone immediately testing its speed? To perform the test, I used the prime number Sieve of Eratosthenes program, which has appeared in Ron Anderson's column, as well as in Byte magazine articles on benchmarking. The test consisted of various versions of some C programs, as well as two 68000 assembler programs. All were run on a 10 MHz 68008, and the C programs were also run on a 2 MHz 6809 for comparison. Microware's C compiler was used with both the 6809 and the 68008. The programs were run for 100 iterations, with the times in the table adjusted for 10 iterations for comparison with the previously published benchmarks.

The first C program is a direct copy of the program found in the January 1983 Byte, page 284. I first ran the program as written, with the scalar variables all auto variables, that is, variables located on the local stack. I then changed the variable declaration from 'int' to 'register int'. For the 6809, this caused the variable 'i' to be kept in the U register. For the 68000, though, this register declaration caused all of the variables except 'iter' to be kept in registers D4 to D7. I then wrote an assembler program which closely mimicked the algorithm of the C program.

The first C and assembler programs refer to the 'flags' array using indexing. That is, references in C are of the form 'flags[i]', and references in assembler are of the form '0(a0,d0)' where A0 holds the address of 'flags[0]', and D0 holds the value of the variable 'i'. While keeping with the same general algorithm, I wrote improved versions of both programs, in which the array is referenced using pointer variables, which hold the address of the current entry. The C program was then run with auto variables and register variables. For the 68000, all seven of the variables in this version were kept in registers, using D4 to D7 and A2 to A4.

Note that, for the C versions using auto variables, the 6809 was about as fast as the 68008. When register variables were used, though, the 68008 really flew. In fact, the C times, then, were not all that different from the times for the assembler code. The speed of utilities and the like written in C should prove to be quite good, as long as the large register set in the 68000 is properly utilized. I'm not sure what the times would be for a true 16 bit 68000, but my guess would be about 60% to 75% of the times for the 68008.

So what does the test show? In various tests of 6809 compilers, high level language versions generally take about 10 seconds at 2 MHz, and my times are no

exception. When register variables are used on the 68008, though, the times are reduced to less than half what they were. As far as assembler goes, the second, pointer version of the program is a better comparison for the 6809 assembler test in the August 1984 68MJ. The 2 MHz time there was 3.3 seconds, while here it is 2.2 seconds.

There is another point that can be made here. To get really good times for the 68008 using a high level language, I needed to be able to keep variables in the registers at all times. As far as I know, C is the only commonly available language with this ability. Without it, a 68000 would offer little significant improvement in speed over a 6809. It seems, then, that as our microprocessors evolve, the languages must do likewise. I'm not really suggesting that Pascal or the like should allow register declarations. We do need to have languages that do a much better job of optimizing the object code that they produce, to take advantage of the power inherent in the new crop of chips, though.

More on OS-9/68K

I'm getting this column out a little earlier than I had planned, so I haven't received version 0.6 of OS-9/68K yet. The remarks I have to make apply to version 0.5. I'll have more to say as the new versions come in. In any case, these are all still preliminary releases.

First of all, most of the utilities that I received with Level 2 OS-9/6809 are present with the 68000 version. Missing are display, echo, ident, verify, binex, and exbin. I don't particularly need binex and exbin, but the others come in handy. In fact, I wrote my own display utility since I need it to configure my terminal in the startup file. Hopefully, these should all be present in later versions.

Most of the utilities run a little differently here. The biggest difference has to do with the handling of options in the command line. Now, all options must be preceded with a minus sign. This may be the hardest adjustment to make when moving from OS-9/6809. I keep typing 'dir e' when I should type 'dir -e'. Most utilities now allow an option of '-?', which causes a summary of the command to be printed on the standard error output.

As I mentioned last month, the dir command has been made more powerful, with the addition of wildcard searching, as well as an option to output the files found one per line, without any header information. Most utilities which accept a number of filenames in the command line also accept the option '-z', which allows the list of files to come from a text file or the standard input. Piping the results of a wildcard dir command into one of these utilities gives the equivalent of the powerful wildcard file specification found in Unix, which comes in very handy when performing such jobs as deleting all of a group of related files.

There are several new utilities included with the package. The 'inlz' utility performs an l\$Attach command on memory modules. This command can be used to perform the initialization of a device driver. I have used it to start up a RAM disk drive which is part of OS-9/68K. By running 'inlz r0', 32K of memory is set aside as a fast disk drive, referred to as /r0.

A utility by the name of 'cftp', for Command File Processor, provides a method for submitting procedure files with limited parameter substitution. A text file is created on disk, with an '\*' in place of a filename. Cftp will read this file, and substitute the filename supplied on the command line for each occurrence of the '\*'. The resulting commands are stored in a procedure file and executed.

There is a 'debug' program, which is quite a bit more powerful than the 6809 version. The main reason for this is the ability of the 68000 to automatically trace a program, one instruction at a time, as it is run. OS-9/68K provides all the links required to use this, and debug does a good job of it. Debug can disassemble a portion of a program, and can also step through a program, disassembling as it runs. This was available in the 6809 with the Flex Debug, and was missed (by me at least) under OS-9/6809.

There are two editors included with OS-9/68K. The first is a line editor named 'edt'. Edt is useful with small text files. It functions in much the same way as the editor found in Basic09 (without the Basic language syntax checking, of course). The other editor is a screen editor, 'scred'. Scred combines a command mode, for doing such jobs as global searches and changes, with edit and insert modes, which operate with automatic screen updating. In my release, scredd required some customizing before it could be run. The main part of the program was in a relocatable file 'scred.r'. A C source code file, 'sconfig.c', contained all of the terminal-specific routines, and I had to modify it to work with my equipment, and then compile and link the result to get a working program. Unfortunately, this



requires the C compiler to work. Future versions may come with a number of pre-configured 'sconfig.r' files, requiring you to link in the one which applies to your own terminal. This would eliminate the need for the C compiler, which does not come as part of the OS-9/68K package.

The standard assembler which comes with OS-9/68K is a relocatable assembler, 'r68', which performs much like the 6809 assembler 'rma'. There is no absolute assembler like the 6809 'asm'. There is also a linker, 'l68', for converting relocatable code into executable modules. Read through the two assembler listings that were used in the primes benchmark to see an example of the source code accepted by r68. Notice that the second program is meant to be used in conjunction with the C library. The program calls the 'printf' routine to display some results at the completion of the run.

I did not receive any manuals for r68 or l68. This was not much problem, but I did discover something having to do with the data area which is not immediately apparent. Look at the first assembly language program, which does not use the C library. The program starts by adding \$8000 (32K) to register A6. In the 68000, indexing is within a 64K range, using a signed 16 bit value. That means that locations up to 32K forward or backwards of an address register's contents can be referenced. To address a full 64K in the data area, the address register must point 32K past the start of the data area. You might think that this is not required with my particular program, since the data area is well under 32K long. It turns out, though, that the linker assumes that a reference to a data area label is made with an address register that has been offset. The label 'flags', for instance, is assigned a value of -32768 (-\$8000) by the linker. Instead of the expected value of 0. Since a module running under OS-9/68K starts up with A6 pointing to the start of the data area, I had to add 32K to A6 to address the correct location using data area labels. I did not need to perform the offsetting in the second program, since this is done within the 'cstart' routine which actually begins all programs produced with the C compiler.

I'm Out of Room!

There are some long listings with this column, so I better cut it short here. Look here next month for some thoughts on operating systems, and what I might like to see. I just bought a book, 'The Unix Programming Environment', which was written in part by Brian Kernighan, who co-wrote the standard book for the C language (he's the K of K&R). The book describes how to use the Unix system, and spends a lot of time on using the shell. Just a quick glance makes me wish that some of the shell capabilities were included in OS-9/68K, and since memory usage is of less concern with the 68000, I see no reason that they could not be implemented. Anyway, more on this next month.

Sieve benchmark timings - 10 iterations - in seconds

C - auto C - register Assembler

Version 1 - flags[] referenced with indexing

	6809	11.0	9.7	---
68008	9.7	4.8	3.5	

Version 2 - flags[] referenced with pointers

	6809	8.9	8.2	---
68008	9.4	3.0	2.2	

/\* Eratosthenes Sieve Prime Number Program in C \*/

```
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0
#define SIZE 8190
#define MAXLOOP 100
```

```
char flags[SIZE+1];
```

```
main()
```

```
{
    int i,prime,k,count,iter;

    printf("10 iterations.\n",MAXLOOP);
    for (iter = 1; iter <= MAXLOOP; iter++) {
```

```
        count = 0;
        for (i = 0; i <= SIZE; i++)
            flags[i] = TRUE;
        for (i = 0; i <= SIZE; i++) {
            if (flags[i]) {
                prime = i + 1 + 3;
                for (k = i + prime; k <= SIZE; k += prime)
                    flags[k] = FALSE;
                count++;
            }
        }
        printf("1d 1d\n",prime,count);
    }
}
```

/\* Eratosthenes Sieve Prime Number Program in C \*/  
/\* Version 2 - use pointers for flags array reference \*/

```
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0
#define SIZE 8190
#define MAXLOOP 100
```

```
char flags[SIZE+1];
```

```
main()
```

```
{
    register int i,prime,count,iter;
    register char *flagsi, *flagst, *flagse;

    printf("10 iterations.\n",MAXLOOP);
    flagse = flags + SIZE;
    for (iter = 1; iter <= MAXLOOP; iter++) {
        count = 0;
        for (i = flags; i <= flagse; i++)
            *flagsi++ = TRUE;
        flagsi = flags;
        for (i = 0; i <= SIZE; i++) {
            if (*flagsi++) {
                prime = i + 1 + 3;
                for (flagst = flagsi + prime - 1; flagst <= flagse;
                    flagst += prime)
                    *flagst = FALSE;
                count++;
            }
        }
        printf("1d 1d\n",prime,count);
    }
}
```

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o sieve

o

o benchmark, in 68000 assembler

o finds primes using sieve of Eratosthenes

opt	n
opt	f

use ../defs/osdefs

00000101 Type	set	(Prgr<<B)+Object
00000001 Rvrs	set	(RvEnt<<B)+1
00000001 Ed	set	1 edition
00000200 Stk	set	512 stack allocation
	poect	Sieve,Type,Rvrs,Ed,Stk,Entry
00001ffe size	equ	8190 flags array size - 1
00000004 maxiter	equ	100 number of iterations
	vsect	
00000000 flags	ds.b	size+1
00000000	ends	

o Register usage - Variable names are from 'C' program

o 00.u = i - main index in flags array

o 01.u = prime - current prime number

o 02.u = k - cross-out index in flags array

o 03.u = count - count of primes found

\* 04.w = iter - main iteration loop counter  
 \* A0.l = pointer to start of flags array

```

0000 ddfc Entry      adda.l #18000,a6      offset data space pointer
0004 size           lea      flags(a6),a0    point to flags array
000a 7863           moveq    #exit-1,d4
+ count = 0
000c 4243 iterloop  clr      d3
+ for (i = size; i >= 0; i--)
+   flags[i] = 1;
000e 303c           move     #size,d0
0012 11bc fillloop  move.b  #1,0(a0,d0.w)
0018 51c8           dbra     d0,fillloop
+ for (i = 0; i <= size; i++)
001c 4240           clr      d0
001e 0c40 mainloop  cmpi     #size,d0
0022 6274           bhi.s    done
+   if (flags[i]) {
0024 4a30           tst.b    0(a0,d0.w)
0028 671a           beq.s    loopend
+   prime = i * i + 3;
002a 3200           move     d0,d1
002c 0241           add      d1,d1
002e 56d1           addq     #3,d1
+   for (k = i + prime; k <= size; k += prime)
+     flags[k] = 0;
0030 3400           move     d0,d2
0032 0441           add      d1,d2
0034 0c42 crossout  cmpi     #size,d2
0038 6208           bhi.s    rdone
003a 4230           clr.b    0(a0,d2.w)
003e 0441           add      d1,d2
0040 60f2           bra.s    crossout
+   count++;
0042 5243 cdone     addq     #1,d3
0044 5240 loopend   addq     #1,d0      i++ in for loop
0046 60d6           bra.s    mainloop
+ }
0048 51cc done      dbra     d4,iterloop
004c 4281           clr.l    d1      no error
004e 1e40           os9      F$Exit    all finished!

00000052          ends

```

Errors: 00000  
 Memory used: 15k  
 Elapsed time: 9 second(s)

nas sieve2  
 tti primes by sieve benchmark

\* sieve  
 \*  
 \* benchmark, in 68000 assembler  
 \* finds primes using sieve of Eratosthenes  
 \*  
 \* 2nd version - attempt at some optimization  
 \* written to use 'C' start module

```

opt      n
opt      f

psect    Sieve,0,0,0,0,0

00001ffe size      equ      #190      flags array size - 1
00000800 lsize     equ      size/4+1  array size in long words
00000064 exititer  equ      100      number of iterations

vsect
ds.l     lsize
ends

```

\* Register usage - Variable names are from 'C' program

\* 00.w = i - array index in flags array  
 \* D1.w = prime - current prime number  
 \* D3.w = count - count of primes found  
 \* 04.w = iter - main iteration loop counter  
 \* D7.l = scratch for fill loop  
 \*

\* A0.l = pointer to start of flags array  
 \* A1.l = pointer to flags[i]  
 \* A2.l = pointer to flags[k]  
 \* A3.l = pointer to flags[size]

```

0000 41ee main:     lea      flags(a6),a0    point to flags array
0004 47a8           lea      size(a0),a3    point to flags[size]
0008 7863           moveq    #exit-1,d4
000a 4243 iterloop  clr      d3      count = 0
000c 303c           move     #size,d0
0010 2e3c           move.l  #0,01010101,d7
0016 2248           move.l  a0,a1
0018 22c7 fillloop  move.l  d7,(a1)+      set all flags[i] true
001a 51c8           dbra     d0,fillloop
001e 70ff           moveq    #-1,d0      start i at -1
0020 2248           move.l  a0,a1      start flags[i] pointer
0022 5240 mainlp1  addq     #1,d0      ++i
0024 4a19           tst.b    (a1)+      search for next prime
0026 6716           beq.s    mainlp2
0028 3200           move     d0,d1      found - prime * i + i + 3
002a 0241           add      d1,d1
002c 56d1           addq     #3,d1
002e 45f1           lea      -1(a1,d1.w),a2 point to flags[k+i*prime]
0032 6004           bra.s    crosslp2
0034 4212 crosslp1  clr.b    (a2)      clear out flag[k]
0036 04c1           adda     #1,a2      k += prime
0038 b5cb crosslp2  cmpa.l  a3,a2
003a 6318           bhs.s    crosslp1
003c 5243           addq     #1,d3      count++
003e b3cb mainlp2  cmpa.l  a3,a1
0040 63e0           bhs.s    mainlp1
0042 51cc           dbra     d4,iterloop
0046 2103           move.l  d3,-(a7)    printf("Id primes\n",count);
0048 487a           pea     msg(pc)
004c 6100           bsr     printf
0050 5081           addq.l  #8,a7
0052 4e75           rts

0054 2564 msg      dc.b      "Id primes",13,0

00000060          ends

```

Errors: 00000  
 Memory used: 15k  
 Elapsed time: 7 second(s)

## READING NON-FLEX BASED DISKS

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH

\* Encountered a tab character. If outputting  
 \* to a file, the tab must be converted to the  
 \* proper spaces, depending on the current  
 \* column.

```

C462 34 04        PSHS    B      save current column ctr
C464 C4 07        ANDB    #100000011 B = mod(curcol,B)
C466 B6 08        LDA      #0
C468 34 04        PSHS    B
C470 A0 E0        SUBA    0,S+    A = B - mod(curcol,B)
C472 34 02        PSHS    A      save this value too
C474 1F 09        TFR      A,B    B = #spaces to insert

C476 B6 20        LDA      #SP
C478 B0 C018      EQU      *
C478 SA           JSR      PUTCHR  output a space
C47C 26 FA        BNE      P85    until all done

C47E 35 04        PULS    B      get back # spaces
C480 EB E0        ADDB    0,S+    add to cur column ctr
C482 20 B8        BRA      P81    and continue

C484 B0 C018      EQU      *
C484 SC           JSR      PUTCHR  output a char as is
C486 3C           INCB           incr col ctr

```

```

C488 20 85      BRA  PB1      continue
C48A 35 36      C48A  PB3      EQU  *
C48A 35 36      PULS  A,B,X,Y  restore regs
C48C 39          RTS          and return

*
* Data area for PRTRK (limited by COPYIT)
*
C48D          EOFSEC  RMB  1
C48E          EOFOFF  RMB  1
C48F          EDBUF   RMB  2

*
* Name - GETGRN
* Function - This routine takes in a trk/sector
* value in D, and reads the granule
* starting at that position. A granule
* has GRANUL sectors with SSIZS bytes
* per sector.
*
* On exit, acc D contains the next
* trk/sec after the granule just read.
*
* All registers are preserved
*
C491 34 30      C491  GETGRN  EQU  *
C493 32 E9 FFFD  PSHS  I,Y      save registers
C493 32 E9 FFFD  LEAS  -L36,S    allocate local storage

C497 1F 01      TFR  D,X      save trk/sec to X

C499 C6 05      LDB  @GRANUL  # sectors per granule
C49B E7 E9 0000  STB  TMP1,S    save value
C49F 10E6 0518  LDY  @BUFFER  where to put data

C4A3 1F 10      TFR  X,D      transfer trk/sec to D
C4A5 8D E9 0001  EQU  *
C4A5 8D E9 0001  BQU  *
C4A9 8E C840    STD  TMP3,S    save trk/sec
C4AC 17 0027    LDX  @SYSFCB  get an FCB
C4AF 1026 F0D0  LBSR  READSS  and read the trk/sec
C4AF 1026 F0D0  LANE  ERR02    leave if error

*
* Transfer bytes just read
*
C4B3 38 88 40    LEAX  FCB0B,X  "from" field
C4B6 CC 0100    LDD  @SSIZS  len to move
C4B9 17 0024    LBSR  MVC      move it
C4BC 31 A8      LEAY  D,Y      incr buf addr

C4BE BC E9 0001  LDD  TMP3,S    get current trk/sec
C4C2 9C          INCB          goto next sector
C4C3 C1 09      CMPB  @MAXSEC  hst end of track?
C4C5 23 02      BLS  B82      brnch if not
C4C7 4C          INCA          goto next track
C4C8 5F          CLRB          sector 0

C4C9          C4C9  GB2      EQU  *
C4C9 6A E9 0000  DEC  TMP1,S    gotten all sectors?
C4CD 26 D6      BNE  GB1      brnch if not

C4CF 32 E9 0003  LEAS  L56,S    free local storage
C4D3 35 30      PULS  X,Y      restore regs
C4D5 39          RTS          and return

*
* Data area for GETGRN
*
C4D6          LPC      SET  *
0000          LCL      ORG  $0000
0000          TMP1     RMB  1
0001          TMP3     RMB  2
0003          L56      EQU  *-LCL  len of local storage

C4D6          ORG  LPC      restore PC

*
* Name - READSS
* Function - This routine reads in the track/sector of
* the disk in the drive specified by aa FCB
* pointed to by I. Res D specifies the
* track/sector to read in.

```

A BNE or BNC should be used after calling this routine to check for possible read errors.

All registers except A are preserved.

```

C4D6  READSS  EQU  *
C4D6 ED 88 1E  STD  FCB0P,X  set trk/sec
C4D9 86 09      LDA  @RSS     set function code
C4DB A7 84      STA  FCBFC,X  set code in FCB
C4DD 7E D406    JMP  PRSCAL  read and return

```

\* Name - MVC  
\* Function - This routine moves the "from" string to the "to" string as follows:

X -> "from" field  
Y -> "to" field  
D = # characters to move

Regs A,B,X,Y are preserved

```

C4E0 34 36      C4E0  MVC      BQU  *
C4E0 34 36      PSHS  A,B,X,Y  save regs

C4E2          C4E2  MOVE      EQU  *
C4E2 34 06      PSHS  D      save len to move
C4E4 E6 80      LDB  D,X+    get a "from" char
C4E6 E7 A0      STB  D,Y+    trans to "to" field
C4E8 35 06      PULS  D      get len
C4EA B3 0001    SUBD  #1     decr br l
C4ED 10B3 0000  CMPD  #0     done yet?
C4F1 26 EF      BNE  MOVE     brnch if not

C4F3 35 36      PULS  A,B,X,Y  restore regs
C4F5 39          RTS          and return

```

\* Name - CLC  
\* Function - This routine compares two strings as follows:

X -> string1  
Y -> string2  
A = length of strings to compare

String1 is compared to String2, and the appropriate condition code is set.

Regs A,B,X,Y are preserved.

```

C4F6          C4F6  CLC      EQU  *
C4F6 34 36      PSHS  A,B,X,Y  save regs

C4F8          C4F8  CONPR      EQU  *
C4F8 E6 80      LDB  D,X+    get a string1 char
C4FA E1 A0      CMPB  D,Y+    compare to string2 char
C4FC 26 03      BNE  RPYOC    if nen then done

C4FE 4A          DECA          all through strings?
C4FF 26 F7      BNE  CONPR    brnch if not

C501          C501  RPYOC      EQU  *
C501 35 36      PULS  A,B,X,Y  restore regs
C503 39          RTS          and return

```

\* Name - PRINT  
\* Function - This routine prints a string to an output device. On entry, I points to the string to print. As with the PSTRNG routine in FLEI, an EDT delimiter must appear after the string to print.  
Regs A and B will remain as is, and





\* and init the PIA, so that output can  
\* be routed to the printer.  
\*

\* No registers are preserved  
\*

```

CSAD 7F C009      CSAD PRSET EQU *
CSB0 06 C0E4      CLR PAU      disable mouse feature
CSB3 01 39        LDA POUT     get 1st byte of space
CSB5 26 29        CHRA #C39    is it "RTS"?
                        BNE P15  if not the loaded

```

\* Load printer routine  
\*

```

CSB7 0E 02F4      LDX #PSYS     move in print rtn name
CSB8 10E C844      LDY #SYSFCB+FCBMAP into system FCB
CSB9 CC 0008      LDY #11
CSB1 17 FF1C      LBSR MVC
CSB4 7F C843      CLR SYSFCB+FCBDM check drive 0

```

```

CSB7 0E C840      LDX #SYSFCB     point to system FCB
CSB8 06 01        LDA #XREAD      open for read
CSB9 A7 84        STA FCBFC,X
CSB9 B0 0406      JSR FMSCAL      call FMS
CSB1 27 05        BEQ P1         brnch if open ok

```

```

CSB3 B0 C03F      JSR RPTERR      report error
CSB6 20 11        BRA P2         and return

```

```

CSB8 06 FF        CSB8 P1 EQU *
CSB8 A7 80 38      LDA #SCFASC    set for binary read
CSB9 B0 C030      STA FCBFC,X
CSB9 B0 C030      JSR LOAD        load module

```

```

CSB9 B0 C030      CSB9 P15 EQU *
CSB9 B0 C030      JSR PRINIT      go init port
CSB9 B0 C030      JSR #PINIT      get o/p address
CSB9 B0 C030      STI OUTCH+1     stuff in FLEX
CSB9 B0 C030      CSB9 P2 EQU *
CSB9 B0 C030      RTS            return

```

\* Name - RESET  
\* Function - This routine is called to reset the  
\* FLEX output switch and close any file  
\* that might be open through the FLLFCB  
\* FCB.  
\*

```

CSEA 06 01        CSEA RESET EQU *
CSEA 06 01        LDA #1
CSEA 07 0C22      STA DSATCH      reset output switch
CSEA 07 0C09      STA PAU        enable pause
CSEA 07 0519      TST OPNFLG     is a file open?
CSEA 27 15        BEQ RSX        return if not

```

\* Output was going to file, close it  
\*

```

CSF7 06 051A      LDA TTYWID     restore TTY width
CSF8 07 C004      STA WIDTH
CSF9 0E 0306      LDA #FLLFCB    set FCB
CSF9 06 04        LDA #TCLOSE    close code
CSF9 A7 84        STA FCBFC,X
CSF9 B0 0406      JSR FMSCAL      call FMS
CSF9 27 03        BEQ RSX        if ok return
CSF9 B0 C03F      CSF9 RSX EQU *
CSF9 B0 C03F      JSR RPTERR      report error
CSF9 B0 C03F      CSF9 RSX EQU *
CSF9 B0 C03F      CLR OPNFLG     indicate no file open
CSF9 B0 C03F      RTS            and return

```

END START

SYMBOL TABLE:

```

ADDRX C036 ASREAD 0001 ASMULT 0002 BAC 0008 BACFIL 026C
BADIW C0B6 BAK 0005 BAS 0003 BELL 0007 BIN 0000
BINRW 0020 BS C000 BSE C007 BS175 0500 BUFFER 051B
BUPWIT C014 CLABS C021 CLC C4F6 CLN C01A CLOCK F700

```

```

CND 0002 CNDFLG C028 COC C029 COLDS C000 COMPX C4F8
COPYIT C2C8 CR 0000 CRUF 000A CTR1 0002 CURC C018
DAT 0007 DCRV 0E00 DEL C001 DEPTH C003 DIR 0009
DIRBNG C516 DIRMSG 014C DIRPTR 0000 DIRS12 0002 DIRTS 0005
DOCHND C048 DOS C000 DP1 C305 DP2 C330 DP3 C320
DP4 C321 DRV 0518 DRVPM 0102 EJECT C008 ENDCOP 0144
ENDIR 0168 ENTADR 0000 ENW C020 ENBUF C48F EDPF 0148E
EDFSEC C48D EDL C002 BOT 0004 ERR C179 ERR02 C173
ESC C00A ESCRR C016 FACP 0010 FAMP 0040 FARP 0020
FAMP 0080 FCBAS 0002 FCBASE 0409 FCBDA 003F FCBOP 001E
FCBORN 0020 FCBOR 0408 FCBOT 0022 FCBON 0003 FCBEDA 0013
FCBESB 0001 FCBFA 000F FCBFC 0000 FCBFCB 0019 FCBFUB 0032
FCBFS 0015 FCBFSM 0017 FCBLEN 0140 FCBLP 001C FCBMAP 0004
FCBMB 0024 FCBRI 0023 FCBRS1 0010 FCBRS2 0018 FCBRSB 0040
FCBSCF 0038 FCBSCR 0035 FCBSDA 0011 FCBVER 0435 FCBW 001A
FCBWH 0019 FCBYR 0018 FDE 0000 FDEAPM 0012 FDEEN 0000
FDEFIF 0000 FDEFY 0005 FDEIGN 0001 FDELEN 0020 FDELR 0004
FDEMD 001E FDEPM 0015 FDEPL 0003 FDEPM 0014 FDESV 0002
FDEPM 0010 FDESEL 0016 FIA C026 FIEF C02F FIFIN 0008
FIFPDE 0080 FIFREE 0010 FIFYS 0040 FIFLFCB 0306 FINDER C220
FLEX C000 FMS D400 FMSCAL 0406 FMSQLS 0403 FMSERR C020
FMSINT 0400 FMA C024 FMAID 0403 FS12 0000 FSHRAN 0002
FMSHED 0000 FTYPE 0288 FX1ST 0290 #1 C445 GB2 C4C9
GET1 C053 GET2 C065 GET3 C067 GET4 C361 GETDRA C015
GETDRA C345 GETFIL C020 GETIRM C491 GETHEJ C042 GETO C2F4
GETS12 C26E GETHEP C243 GRAMUL 0005 GS C282 GS2 C298
GT1 C384 GT2 C398 GT3 C3A1 GTBAD C305 GTG000 C3A7
GTSPIC C36A GRTETH C2C5 G111T C2C4 HEAD 0100 INBUF C01B
INCH C009 INCH2 C00C INDIR C048 INDRV 0208 INFILE 01F4
INTRD 02FF INWSPC 0281 IOFLG C021 ISATCH C023 JT C138
LAD C01B LCL 0000 LF 000A LHEBUF C080 LOAD C030
LPC C406 LSI 0007 LS2 0003 LS3 0014 LS5 0005
LSA 0003 LSTRM C011 MD C143 M1 C140 M2 C155
M3 C160 M4 C000 MAISEC 0009 MEMEND C028 MEM2 C11C
MENU C119 MOVE C40E MVC C4E0 MZ C163 NULL C005
NATCH C027 OPN 0080 OPNFLG 0519 OSATCH C022 OUT 0008
OUTADR C045 OUTCH C00F OUTCH2 C012 OUTDEC C039 OUTDRA 0167
OUTFIL C023 OUTHEJ C03C OUTS12 0004 P1 C508 P15 C5B0
P2 C5E9 PAU C009 PBI C43F PB2 C41C PB3 C48A
PBA C484 PBS C478 PBM C430 PB7 C425 PBO C43B
PBR C464 PCRLF C024 PD1 C102 PD3 C18C PD4 C20F
PDS C1E0 PD6 C1F7 PDATA C504 PMATAT C506 PMATAT C511
PDIR C17F PD11T C225 POUT C0E4 PRCHK C008 PREVC C019
PRINIT C000 PRDM C125 PRT 000A PRTRUK C410 PRTSET C5AD
PRTEL C047 PSTRNG C01E PSYS 02F4 PUTDRA C018 PY1 C254
R1 C5B9 R10 C5AA R2 C59A R3 C5A1 R4 C550
R6 C5A8 R7 C566 R8 C5B7 R9 C5A4 R0ERR 02E0
READSS C406 REINTER C006 RESET C5E9 RET C409 ROUTE C514
RPNDC C501 RPTERR C03F RSTRID C02A RS1 C40C SBDATA 0044
SBLINK 0040 SBR1 0042 SCFASC 00FF SCFSC 0000 SCR 0006
SETEXT C033 SETPAU C168 SFA C980 SIACRE 0023 SIRDAY 0024
SIRFSB 001D SIRFSE 001F SIRFSS 0021 STRLEN 0028 STRMTH 0023
SIRMTS 0026 SIRMM 0010 SIRTS 0003 SIRVQL 0018 SIRYR 0025
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SYSDRM C030 SYSDRM C07B SYSDRM C040 TAB C006 TABCON 0009
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TTP3 0001 TTP4 0000 TTP5 0006 TTP12L 000C TMTS 0003
TUFIL 0257 TRANDR C01E TRFLG C010 TTYWID 051A TXT 0001
UCA C100 UCTA C012 URAM 0000 WARPS C003 WELCOM 012B
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XRSS 000F XDR 0004 XDRAM 0001 XDR 0010 XDR 0003
XDRIT 0002 XDR 0008 XDR 0015 XDR 0012 XDR 0000
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## INTRODUCTION

The following describes the application of OS/9 to the task of communicating (usually over modems and telephone lines) with other computer systems and with computer terminals.

Because telephone lines are inherently noisy, one of the major requirements which must be placed on communications hardware and software is error control and correction.

Because many computer systems and many terminals have unusual and different requirements, the communications software must be as flexible and as transparent as possible.

The program described below (named CMODEM) attempts to provide these facilities under OS/9, to allow communication with other systems, in a potentially error-free environment.

The program was written to overcome the many problems involved with trying to transfer data between not only various machines but between different operating systems on the same machine.

## CMODEM FEATURES

CMODEM contains a combination of features found in the original BDS-C Teledit program, a TTY program published in System 68, Yam (Yet Another Modem), and other features added for this version only ("I love it, but could you make it do ...?").

It uses the Ward Christensen MODEM file transfer protocol to facilitate the transfer of files between systems that support this protocol. Both MODEM and CMODEM support a checksum block verification that allows for error-free transfer of data between two computers supporting the same protocol.

For those systems that do not support a batch transfer protocol, CMODEM supports an ASCII file collection/dump mode for transfer of source files.

The use of multiple file transmission modes allows sending and receiving either binary or text files.

CMODEM will work at speeds of at least 1200 Baud for transfer of files at high rates of speed, for those systems with ACIA's or other asynchronous communications support devices. It is used regularly at 4800 Baud between adjacent machines to transfer data between them. The COCO is capable of reliable transmission at rates of up to 2400 Baud, in general, and may (in some cases) be capable of transmission at rates of up to 4800 Baud or higher, when using the PIA printer port.

CMODEM is written in a high level language (C) and is available in both source and object formats to allow adaptation to other systems or for the addition of new options for specific requirements.

It uses the same source code for both the FLEX and OS/9 versions. This facilitates the transfer of files between FLEX and OS/9 systems. In addition to the ability of communicating with CP/M systems, as described above.

The FLEX version of CMODEM allows the user to change the modem port address at execution time, since there is no standard address for a modem, as there is (normally) for the console. The OS/9 version of CMODEM uses a standard OS/9 path descriptor name (by default, "/T1") to access the modem port; this is compatible with both OS/9 level 1 and OS/9 level 2. However, due to the overhead associated with COCO OS/9, a special version of CMODEM containing its own drivers is used for a COCO with a PIA printer/modem port.

Since it is inconvenient to modify system parameters upon each entry to the program, CMODEM supports the use of a parameter file (profile) which can be used to define the modem port address or name, baud rate of the modem port (for those operating systems and devices supporting variable modem port baud rate), the duplex status required (half or full), etc. This parameter file is described later in this discussion. It also allows the definition of an expert mode, which allows the use of CMODEM without the occasional display of the menu. This feature is useful when one has used CMODEM long enough that the menu has become completely memorized and it decreases the time required to transfer among the different operating modes.

The current FLEX version of CMODEM does direct I/O to the modem port and will not work with those systems not using ACIA's; however, a special version is available for COCO FLEX, just as a special version is available for COCO OS/9.

## CMODEM OPERATIONS

CMODEM is menu-driven to make it as simple as possible to use. The menu is displayed upon entry into the program and also when the user strikes the defined ATTENTION key.

The selectable program modes are described below.

T: Terminal mode - no text collection

CMODEM simulates an ASCII terminal in this mode.

By default, eight-bit characters are sent and received without parity. The DEL character (7F hex) is the only character that will be removed from the conversational terminal mode input data stream. Most other characters are passed unchanged to the console, so formatting characters and nonsense noise characters are usually passed thru for the user's inspection.

To return to the selection menu, the user may hit the SPECIAL character. The current SPECIAL character of <ctrl>-@ (NULL) was chosen because it is unlikely to be struck accidentally, or to be required input to most systems. Changing the SPECIAL character requires recompiling CMODEM with the desired character code in the following statement:

```
#define SPECIAL ...
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A BREAK key is also supported for those systems that require an actual break signal be placed on the line. This is set by default to <ctrl>-underline, but may be changed to any desired key. It must be emphasized that this key currently works only on a SWTPC-compatible

system using a 6850 ACIA under FLEX and for a COCO system under FLEX or OS/9.

## 2: Toggle expert mode

This command flips expert mode, alternately outputting and not outputting the menu to the console. This saves time for those very familiar with using the program.

## G: Gather text in memory buffer

CMODEM processes text received in this mode similar to that received in terminal mode, except that any text characters received from the communications link are saved into a text buffer. Tab, carriage-return, line-feed, and form-feed characters are placed into the buffer; any other control characters are discarded. The one exception to this is when an end of line CR LF sequence is received, the program only inserts the CR into the memory buffer. This prevents the storage of double-spaced text to the disk file which could occur if both control characters are placed into the data file. If the text buffer becomes full, CMODEM will issue an X-OFF to the remote system. The program then will continue to capture data for a maximum of an additional 95 characters. This allows time for the remote system to receive the X-OFF and to stop sending data.

If the remote system at the other end of the line does not honor the X-OFF, CMODEM will flush the buffer to the disk storage file and then return to accept more data from the communications line. Data arriving during this buffer-dumping process will almost certainly be lost. In this case, since this loss is not normally desirable, the amount of data transmitted in each group should be limited to less than the number of characters required to fill the text buffer.

If, on the other hand, the remote system does honor X-ON/X-OFF, no data will be lost while CMODEM flushes the memory buffer to disk. Upon resuming its data capture mode, CMODEM issues an X-ON to restart the remote transmission.

There are some systems which either do not recognize X-ON/X-OFF or require characters such as the ESCape to do both the halt and resume function. Using this option of CMODEM on these systems will require either that the values within the program for STOP and RESUME be modified.

Since the standard printer port on a COCO works in half-duplex mode only, transmitting the X-OFF will garbage any characters being received. The user must be aware of this fact and request the retransmission of the garbaged data or somehow arrange for the gather buffer never to be overflowed.

## V: View text buffer

This mode allows the viewing of the data which currently is in the memory capture buffer. This is helpful when one wishes to review a long transmission from a remote system; although this mode allows only paging forward, the view process may be restarted at the beginning, as required. On non-COCO systems, the carriage return displays the next line, the space bar displays the next page, and the ATTENTION key returns the menu. On COCO systems, the space bar toggles a pause and the

ATTENTION key returns the menu.

The memory capture buffer and the batch transfer buffer share the same internal memory area. This means that if one initiates a batch file transfer, any data which may be in the buffer will be destroyed during the process.

## A: Enter ASCII file dump mode

CMODEM will transfer a text file over the communications line. It can be used to send a file to those systems that do not support the MODEM protocol, but do support paper tape capture. This mode honors the X-ON/X-OFF protocol, so that the remote system may control the flow of data during the process.

## K: Kill text buffer

This command marks the text buffer as empty and exits ASCII text capture mode. It is normally used when the user has initiated capture mode, but has captured unexpected data and does not wish to save it on disk.

## E: Toggle Echo (duplex) mode

This option determines whether characters input from the console are echoed back to the display screen locally or not.

It should be toggled to "full" if the user is communicating in echoplex mode and is receiving an echo from the remote station.

It should be toggled to "half" if the user is working with a system which does not echo to the sender or is in half duplex mode.

The current setting of this option is displayed in the menu.

## M: Modify program option parameters

The non-COCO, FLEX version of CMODEM is able to modify several of the current program parameters with this option. A submenu of current options guides the entry of program parameter changes. These include the following parameters:

- port address for modem
- baud rate of the modem port
- parity settings of the modem port

## B: Set Baud rate

The COCO versions of CMODEM are able to set the Baud rate of the attached PIA printer/modem port with this option. A submenu of available Baud rates guides the entry of program parameter changes. Although Baud rates higher than 2400 Baud appear in the menu, they are not reliable enough, in general, for normal usage.

## D: Set Delay rate

The COCO versions of CMODEM are able to "tweak" the Baud rate of the attached PIA printer/modem port with this option. A submenu of available Baud rates guides the entry of program parameter changes. Although Baud rates higher than 2400 Baud appear in the menu, they are not reliable enough, in general, for normal usage. Since the PIA printer/modem port is driven in a bit-banging mode by software, it is not as tolerant of Baud rate variations as a hardware device such as an ACIA. This option allows the variation of the standard delay values to attempt to reduce communications errors.

#### S: Send a file with MODEM protocol

CMODEM prompts for the name of the file to send, then waits for the receiving computer (which must be using this program or one that uses the same protocol) to get into synchronization. The details of the protocol are provided later.

CMODEM returns to Terminal mode after completion of this option, whether the transfer was successful or not.

#### R: Receive a file with MODEM protocol

CMODEM prompts for the name of the file to receive, then waits for the sending computer (which must be using this program or one that uses the same protocol) to get into synchronization. The details of the protocol are provided later.

CMODEM returns to Terminal mode after completion of this option, whether the transfer was successful or not.

#### X: Binary file transfer with MODEM protocol

CMODEM prompts for the name of the file to send, then waits for the receiving computer (which must be using this program or one that uses the same protocol) to get into synchronization. The details of the protocol are provided later.

CMODEM returns to Terminal mode after completion of this option, whether the transfer was successful or not.

This option may be used to transfer compiled binary files from one system to another like system. It can also be used between FLEX systems to send files in space-compressed mode to save transmission time.

This file transfer does not involve character transmutation of the contents of the file being transmitted. There is no conversion of CR to NL, CR to CRNL, or CRNL to CR. This may cause unexpected results, depending upon the system from which a file is being received or to which it is being sent.

#### Y: Binary file receive with MODEM protocol

CMODEM prompts for the name of the file to receive, then waits for the sending computer (which must be using this program or one that uses the same protocol) to get into synchronization. The details of the protocol are provided later.

CMODEM returns to Terminal mode after completion of this option, whether the transfer was successful or not.

This option may be used to transfer compiled binary files from one system to another (like) system. It can also be used between FLEX systems to send files in space-compressed mode to save transmission time. This file transfer does not involve character transmutation of the contents of the file being received.

When this option is used under OS/9, the file must then be processed with ATTR to make the program executable at the receiving end, assuming an executable OS/9 module was transmitted successfully. This is true because the file attributes are associated with the

disk directory, and not with the contents of the file.

#### Q: Quit

For non-COCO, FLEX versions of CMODEM, this option resets the modem port, dropping the telephone line or other equipment using the RTS signal on an ACIA as a DTR indication. For all versions, it returns to the operating system.

#### O: Operating system return

For non-COCO FLEX versions of CMODEM, this option returns to the operating system without resetting the modem port. This can be used to return to the operating system to perform various functions without disturbing the equipment using the RTS signal on the ACIA as a DTR indication.

#### H: Hang up the phone line

This option is used to hang up the phone line by dropping the DTR(RTS) signal on the modem port, on FLEX versions of CMODEM using ACIA's. This is very useful for the auto-dial type modems in which the user may wish to hang up from one system but is not ready to exit from the program. The port is reset after approximately one second so that it is then available to call another remote system.

#### F: Flush data collection buffer to capture file

CMODEM flushes the text buffer to disk and resets the memory pointer to the beginning of the buffer. This would be used if it were desirable to capture several small files and concatenate them onto disk or to capture files longer than the available buffer size. The capture file is currently closed on exit from the program or upon receipt of a Close command, so that the buffer may be flushed multiple times to the same file.

#### C: Close text collection file

CMODEM flushes the memory buffer to the collection disk file and then closes the file. This allows the capture of multiple files without the necessity of exiting CMODEM.

#### L: Line feed generated locally for CR

While this may not be the most popular of all options, it proves to be very useful for those systems which send only a carriage return or do not echo anything after an end of line character is sent. This includes the COCO printer port and many other systems. This option allows the production of a local CR NL sequence to prevent repeatedly overwriting the same line with successive lines.

#### CMODEM PARAMETER FILE (PROFILE)

As described earlier, CMODEM supports a parameter file for the purpose of automatically modifying certain default parameters. For FLEX, this file is named PROFILE.TXT and must be placed on the working drive. For OS/9, this file is named PROFILE and must be placed in the current directory. The user is responsible for creating the parameter file according to the description below. If the file is not available or a parameter is not modified, the default parameter values will be used.

Each record in the parameter file contains a



keyword and an optional operand, and is terminated with a carriage return.

For non-COCO FLEX CMODEM, the parameter file has the following contents:

BAUD	300/1200	(1200)	baud rate
DUPLEX	F/H	(F)	duplex switch
MODEM	xxxx	(E074)	modem port address
UNITS	nn	(10)	disk buffers per I/O (1-25)
XPRT		(no)	expert mode toggle

For non-COCO OS/9 CMODEM, the parameter file has the following contents:

DUPLEX	F/H	(F)	duplex switch
PORT	/aaaa	(/T1)	modem path descriptor name
UNITS	nn	(10)	disk buffers per I/O (1-25)
XPRT		(no)	expert mode toggle

For COCO versions of CMODEM, the parameter file has the following contents:

BAUD	300/1200	(1200)	baud rate
CC110	xxxx	(04CC)	110 baud delay factor
CC300	xxxx	(018F)	300 baud delay factor
CC600	xxxx	(00DE)	600 baud delay factor
CC1200	xxxx	(006C)	1200 baud delay factor
CC2400	xxxx	(0033)	2400 baud delay factor
CC4800	xxxx	(0019)	4800 baud delay factor
CC9600	xxxx	(000E)	9600 baud delay factor
CC19200	xxxx	(0007)	19200 baud delay factor
DUPLEX	F/H	(F)	duplex switch
XPRT		(no)	expert mode toggle

#### COCO PIA MODEM PORT WIRING

The COCO version of CMODEM requires that the PIA modem port be wired as follows:

pins 1 and 2	received data
pin 3	ground
pin 4	transmitted data

Note that this is different from that used by Tandy and Microware.

#### CMODEM INSTALLATION

This section is of interest only to those who have purchased the source version of CMODEM.

The source version of CMODEM is composed of nine modules. This is because of the composite size of the various modules and the ability of some editors to work well only with files that can fit into main memory.

The CMODEM modules are as follows:

cmode.c	option selections
cmode.inc	common information
cmofem.c	terminal emulation
cmofem.c	modem file transfer
cmofem.c	modem file receive
cmofem.c	file open, close, read, write
cmofem.c	ASCII file transmission
cmofem.c	utility functions
make.c	includes all header files and .asm modules
makefile	compilation command file

The "makefile" file provides a command file which will perform the entire compilation and assembly process on the CMODEM modules. The "makefile" modules are somewhat different among the various versions of the C compilers available under OS/9 and FLEX.

Since CMODEM was rewritten into Dyna-C, the Make.c file is used to include all of the required library files and the assembly language files that

are produced by the compiler (.asm). There are also some rewritten library files provided with CMODEM since the standard versions available with Dyna-C did not support all of the features required and did not comply with the standards normally found on UNIX-type machines.

While this may seem to be troublesome, it does make the source to CMODEM usable to more people since it does not require the purchase of one of the \$400 C compilers currently available for the 6809. The new version of Microware C for the COCO was not available when this program was being developed.

While conversions have not been attempted, there is no reason that some of the other small C's could not also be used if the proper library functions were written for them. There are versions of CMODEM which have been developed for Microware C and Introl C in the past.

#### SYSTEM-DEPENDENT DEFINITIONS

This section is of interest only to those who have purchased the source version of CMODEM. It describes some of the "#define"s that are used in the source version of CMODEM. Some of these may require modification to suit the requirements of particular systems.

##### TWIDTH

This is the width of the terminal display in characters.

##### TLENGTH

This is the number of horizontal lines that can be displayed on the terminal.

##### MYMODEM

This is the default address of the ACIA port being used for the modem.

##### MYTERMINAL

This is the default address used for the console terminal.

##### LPSEC

This is an internal timing loop value used for time delay.

##### CPUMHZ

This is the default clock speed for the processor and is used as part of the timing loop formula.

##### SECSIZ

This is the size of each received or transmitted data sector. It is set to 128 bytes to be compatible with CP/M MODEM transfer protocols.

##### CAPSIZ

This is the total buffer capacity in bytes. It is the size of each sector times the number of sectors that will be sent or captured before a disk read or write.

##### SPECIAL

This is the control sequence that is recognized by the program from the console as a request to display the menu. It may be reset but has the default value <ctrl>-@.

## BREAK

This is the control sequence that is recognized by the program from the console as a request to transmit a physical break condition. It may be reset but has the default value <ctrl>-underline.

## BRKCODE

This is the value that will be sent to the modem ACIA port to initiate a break code on the line.

## SYSDEPEN0

Since the various C compilers available seem to return different codes for OPEN, this variable is defined as required for a given C compiler. It is defaulted to NULL for Dyna-C.

## MODEM PROTOCOL DEFINITION

The following description of the Ward Christiansen MODEM protocol was derived from various sources, including the original MODEM description, the TELENET description, the TTY description, and a description on the NEWSNET by Keith Peterson, with additions for CMODEM.

This description provides the criteria for operation of the MODEM protocol if it is to be compatible with the various CP/M and UNIX systems in operation.

Using this protocol, CMODEM has been used to transfer files from OS/9-based, UNIFLEX-based, and FLEX-based systems to and from each other, to and from CP/M-based systems using MODEM, and to and from UNIX-based systems using TMODEM, UMODEM, and XMODEM. It has also been used to send and receive files from other assembly language MODEM programs, as well as programs written in C, that exist on the various C-Nodes across the country.

The control characters that define the MODEM data block are as follows:

<soh> 01H  
<eot> 04H  
<ack> 06H  
<nak> 15H  
<can> 18H

## TRANSMISSION-MEDIUM LEVEL PROTOCOL

Following are the attributes of the transmitted and received data:

asynchronous  
8 data bits  
no parity  
one stop bit

This protocol does not place any restrictions on the contents of the data being transmitted. Any type of data can accurately be sent using this protocol. This includes the following types of files:

ASCII text files  
binary compiled program files  
command files containing control characters

## any other arbitrary files

While this protocol is designed for use with an 8-bit data format, it could easily be adapted for use in a 7-bit environment and used for the transmission of ASCII-only (or unpacked-hex) data. This could be done simply by having both the sender and receiver logically mask any protocol-dependent data to clear the eighth bit before transmitting and after receiving it. This would be limited to the variable-data portion of the transferred data, and would not include the following 8-bit protocol control data, described later:

the checksum

the block numbers

the one's-complement of the block number

To maintain compatibility with the CP/M file structure, the data file must follow the following data format:

ASCII tabs must be used (09H); tabs are assumed set every 8 positions;

All lines must be terminated by CR/LF (0DH 0AH);

End-of-file must be indicated by one or more <ctrl>-Z (1AH) characters;

Data is variable length, but while the file is being handled by the transfer program, it should be considered a continuous stream of data bytes. This continuous stream is then broken into 128-byte chunks by the program for transmission and is regrouped upon reception.

If the data ends exactly on a 128-byte boundary, i.e. CR in 127, and LF in 128, an additional block containing the <ctrl>-Z EOF character(s) is optional, but is preferred, as some CP/M utilities and user programs do not handle EOF without <ctrl>-Z correctly.

The last block sent is identical to all the others; there is no "short block" supported by the MODEM protocol. Padding is added to the block to complete the required 128 byte block size on the last data block. While one would be tempted to pad this block with <ctrl>-Z, this will work reliably only with CP/M-based systems. Other systems, such as OS/9, UNIX, FLEX, and, UNIFLEX, would not usually process the <ctrl>-Z characters correctly. It is safer to use spaces for padding even though this could possibly add a slight length to the file, and potentially cause difficulties with binary transmissions to non-CP/M systems.

## MESSAGE BLOCK-LEVEL PROTOCOL

The format of every data block transferred in either direction under the MODEM protocol is as follows:

<SOH> <blk #> <255-blk #> <--128 data bytes-->  
<cksum>

In which:

<soh> = 01 hex;

<blk #> = binary block number (starts at 01H, increments by 01H, and wraps around from 0FFH to 00H);

<255-blk #> = one's-complement of binary block number;

<cksum> = the last eight bits of the sum of the data bytes.

#### PROGRAM-LEVEL PROTOCOL

##### COMMON TO BOTH SENDER AND RECEIVER:

All errors are retried 10 times.

Some versions of the protocol (but not CMODEM) use <can> (18H), to cancel the transmission operation. This has never been adopted as a standard, since a single "abort" character makes the transmission susceptible to false termination caused by an <ack> <nak> or <soh> being corrupted into a <can> and canceling transmission.

The protocol may be considered "receiver driven", that is, the sender need not automatically re-transmit, although it does in most of the current implementations, including CMODEM.

##### RECEIVING PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS:

The receiver has a 10-second timeout.

It sends a <nak> each time it times out.

The receiver's first timeout, which sends a <nak>, signals the transmitter to start the transfer of data.

The receiver could send a <nak> immediately, in case the sender is ready. This would work if the sender were a version of XMODEM, which is a variant of MODEM which must be initiated remotely by the receiver.

This would save the initial 10 second timeout, and is used by CMODEM. However, the receiver must continue to timeout every 10 seconds in case the sender wasn't ready.

Once the receiver has begun receiving a block of data it will use a one-second timeout for each character and the checksum. If the receiver wishes to <nak> a block for any reason (invalid header, timeout receiving data), it must wait for the line to clear. See "programming considerations" for various techniques used by different modem programs for handling error conditions.

If a valid block number is received, it will be one of the following:

- 1) the expected one, in which case everything is fine;
- 2) a repeat of a previously received block; this should be considered OK, since it indicates that the receiver's <ack> was glitched, and the sender re-transmitted; the only special handling is to discard the received block of data;
- 3) any other block number will indicate a loss of synchronization, such as the sender getting a line-glitch that appeared as an <ack>; this condition normally is not recoverable, so the receiver normally aborts the transmission by sending a <can>.

#### SENDING PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

While waiting for the transmission to begin, the sender may have only a single long timeout, normally one minute in length, or it may have a shorter timeout, normally 10 seconds in length, before retrying the transmission, for some number (such as 10) of retries. Cmodem uses the latter method, as this aborts fewer transmissions. The use of this 10 second timeout makes the transmission time-sensitive, whereas the one long timeout allows the entire process to be completely receiver-driven. The 10 second timeout is compatible with any of the existing MODEM protocol programs.

When the sender has no more data, it will send an <eot>. It will then wait for an <ack>. The sender will resend the <eot> if an <ack> is not received, just as in normal transmission.

Another procedure, used by some MODEM protocol programs, although not by CMODEM, is to have the sender implement only a high-level one-minute timeout after sending the <eot> before aborting the transmission. This would give the receiving end more control of the data exchange procedure.

#### DATA FLOW EXAMPLE

To show an example of a data flow session, a 3-block message is diagrammed below. It includes the two most common line hits: a garbaged block, and an <ack> reply getting garbaged. <xx> represents the checksum byte.

SENDER		RECEIVER (times out after 10 seconds)
	<--->	<nak>
<soh> 01 FE -data- <xx>	---	
	<--->	<ack>
<soh> 02 FD -data- xx	----	(data gets line hit)
	<--->	<nak>
<soh> 02 FD -data- xx	---	
	<--->	<ack>
<soh> 03 FC -data- xx	---	
(ack gets garbaged)	<--->	<ack>
<soh> 03 FC -data- xx	---	<ack>
<eot>	---	
	<--->	<ack>

#### PROGRAMMING CONSIDERATIONS

Following are suggestions published in various sources for potential MODEM-compatible program writers or modifiers. Most of them are included in the CMODEM program.

The character-receive subroutine should be called with a parameter that specifies the number of seconds to wait. The receiver should first call it with a time of 10, then <nak> and try again, 10 times.

After receiving the <soh>, the receiver should call the character receive subroutine with a 1-second timeout, for the remainder of the message and the <cksum>.

Since they are sent as a continuous stream, timing out of this implies a serious problem that may have been caused by the receipt of only 127 characters instead of 128.

When the receiver wishes to transmit a <nak>, it should call a "PURGE" subroutine, and wait for the line to clear. The sender should have discarded any characters in its internal

hardware and software receive buffers immediately upon sending a block, to help prevent misinterpretation of line glitches.

The most common technique is for "PURGE" to call the character receive subroutine, specifying a 1-second timeout, and looping back until a timeout actually occurs.

The receiver then sends the <nak>, hopefully ensuring that the transmitter will receive it properly.

Some may wish to add code to the character receive routine to set an error flag if the ACIA or other device on the modem port shows framing error or overrun. This code is not currently included in CMODEM.

This will help catch a few more glitches, the most common of which is a hit in the high bits of the byte in two consecutive bytes. The checksum is unaffected in this case, since counting in eight bits and discarding the carry bits produces the same results when adding (80H + 80H) as with adding (00H + 00H).

#### SUMMARY

The preceding has discussed the application of OS/9 to communicating with other systems and with other terminals. The method described, a program named CMODEM, implements several modes of communication (some of which are compatible with CP/M and other systems), which attempt to provide an error-free means of communication despite potentially-noisy telephone lines, and other modes of communications, which, while not error-free, are compatible with other systems and terminals.

#### POSTSCRIPT

The development of this program has proven to be a real learning experience. This was due to the many pieces of code that had to be written to handle issues that are not a part of average applications programming environment. Much of the program can be considered closer to operating system programming than to applications.

There also tends to be a never ending supply of "one more little feature" requests that keep the program in a constant state of change and also bring out latent bugs that did not seem to exist before.

## REVIEW OF SDISK, BOOTFIX, AND FILTER KIT 1

#### REVIEW OF D P JOHNSON'S SDISK, BOOTFIX, AND FILTER KIT 1

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The standard COCO OS/9 disk drivers support only the SSD 35 track non-standard disk format used by Tandy on the COCO. This is very inconvenient for those users and developers concerned with buying or marketing OS/9 software, as most existing OS/9

software was developed before COCO OS/9 was available. In order to port software to COCO OS/9, it was necessary to send it thru the TI port on the COCO at 300 Baud (and hope that OS/9 did not garbage it too much), or use the FHL O-PAK XCOPY utility (which works, but is tedious for many files), or use the new GIMIX COCO drivers (if you have a GIMIX system, which I do not), or type it in by hand, or ....

D P Johnson has a solution to the incompatible disk format problem which also extends the capabilities of the COCO for those who have drives with more capacity or speed than the SS 35-track drives sold by Tandy. It is called SDISK and costs \$29.95 (+\$1.00 shipping), but is worth several times that amount in the terms of the convenience it affords the user. It supports 1 to 3 SS or OS, SD or DD, 35 or 40 or 80 track 5.25" drives.

SDISK is composed of an OS/9 device driver (SDISK), several device descriptors (/SDx), a format program (SFORMAT), and a configurator (DESCGEN).

If all that is desired is to access and create standard OS/9 diskettes under COCO OS/9, the user runs DESCGEN once to generate a new device descriptor (/SD0, /SD1, ...) for each drive and saves them, along with a copy of the SDISK module, on a COCO OS/9 diskette. Then, whenever the SDISK and /SDx modules are have been loaded, each drive has a dual identity: /Dx for COCO OS/9 format, and /SDx for standard OS/9 format. All standard OS/9 programs, with the exception of FORMAT, work equally well with either type of device descriptor. The SFORMAT program is used in place of FORMAT; it works with either type of descriptor, so the original FORMAT program could be deleted and replaced by a renamed SFORMAT.

If the user desires to construct a bootable SS diskette already containing SDISK and /SDx, the manual accompanying SDISK provides the detailed directions for accomplishing it. Essentially, the user constructs the device descriptors with DESCGEN and uses OS9GEN to include them in the boot, along with SDISK.

In order to construct a bootable DS diskette (or to construct a single-stage bootable diskette for those systems without the DOS command), Johnson offers the BOOTFIX program for \$9.95. It is used on a diskette freshly formatted by SFORMAT and COBBLER to rearrange the bootfile and kernel on track 34 so that the boot will be able to properly access them.

SDISK also provides three extensions to the GETSTT/SETSTT OS/9 functions, as follows:

```
SS.DREAD (GETSTT code $80)
    direct sector read
    with specified sector size,
    side, density, tracks
SS.OWRIT (SETSTT code $80)
    direct sector read
    with specified sector size,
    side, density, tracks
SS.UNFRZ (SETSTT code $81)
    unfreeze DD information
```

In summary, the SDISK and BOOTFIX package provide the facilities for standard OS/9 disk format operations which should have been provided under COCO OS/9, rather than the restricted form actually present. The implementation is performed in an almost transparent manner, using the normal facilities of OS/9.

The other package from D P Johnson that I reviewed was FILTER KIT 1. It contains the following utility



```
ls      lists file names in current
        directory, with matching logic
buf     buffers input to eof, then
        passes it to output
cp      copies files in current directory
        to files of same names on output
        path, restricted to list of files
        on standard input
dl      deletes list of files from
        current directory
filist  copies contents of list of files
        from current directory
info    displays detailed file information
mv      moves list of files from current
        directory to output path
pag     reads standard input, producing
        a paginated listing
remove  removes file name from directory
        without releasing space
sell    changes owner numbers of list of
        file names
setat   changes file attributes of list
        of file names
sort    performs in-memory sort of
        records on standard input to
        standard output
```

The address and telephone number for D P Johnson are as follows:

D P Johnson  
7655 Cedarcrest Street  
Portland, OR 97223  
(503) 244-8152

# DISASSEMBLER

```

* SEARCHES TAG TABLE FOR ADDRESS IN D REG.
* IF FOUND, CARRY IS CLEAR; ELSE IT IS SET.
FINDTG PSWS D
      LLD 006000 #3 x 2^13
      BND
      STD
      LDI TAGST
      LEAX -3.X
FINDT1 LEAX D.X #BINARY ADJUST
      CMPI TAGEND #WITHIN TABLE?
      BCC FINDT2 #NO: GO LOWER
      LLD 0.5 #TAG VALUE
      CMPO 1.X #TABLE VALUE
      BBD FINDT4 #FOUND TAG
      BCC FINDT3 #NO NEXT OFFSEI
FINDT2 BSR FINDT5 #DO BINARY DIVIDE
      BCS FINDT4 #TAG NOT FOUND
      COMB #NEGATE FOR SUBTRACT
      COMB
      ADDD 01
FINDT3 BRR FINDT1 #NEXT TRY
      BSR FINDT5 #BINARY DIVIDE
      BCC FINDT1 #NEXT TRY
FINDT4 PULS 0.PC #RETURN TO PCN
FINDT5 LSR BND #BINARY DIVIDE
      ROR BND+1 #CARRY SET = DONE
      LLD BND
      RTS
      PAB
* PUTS THE ORG SELEDD ON IN
* THE PRINT LINE.

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ADDRESS	OPERAND	DESCRIPTION	OPERAND	DESCRIPTION
0F82 8E	1260	DOORG	LDI	BORG
0F85 108E	0069		LBY	WPCD
0F89 C6	07		LDB	B7
0F8B A6	80	DOORG1	LDA	0.1+
0F8D A7	A0		STA	0.1+
0F8F 5A			DECB	
0FC0 26	F9		BNE	DOORG1
0FC2 96	19		LDA	NITOP
0FC4 17	FE94		LBSR	HEIASC
0FC7 ED	A1		STD	0.1+
0FC9 96	1A		LDA	NITOP+1
0FCB 17	FE8D		LBSR	HEIASC
0FCE ED	A4		STD	0.1
0FD0 8D	40		BSR	PRINT
0FD2 8D	31		BSR	CLAPLN
0FD4 39			RTS	PAG
* WRITES THE TAG, OPNDR, & OPERAND				
* TO DISC, SUPPRESSING EXTRA SPACES (WAO).				
0FD5 8E	0259	WRTDSC	LDI	#FCBOUT
0FD8 108E	0063		LBY	#TAG
0FDC 108C	0088	WRTDSC1	CMPI	#PLINE+62
0FE0 27	1D		Q	WRTDSC3
0FE2 A6	A0		LDA	0.1+
0FE4 B4	7F	WRTDSC5	ANDA	#B7F
0FE6 8D	2406		JSR	FMS
0FE9 26	19		BNE	WRTDSC4
0FEB A6	3F		LDA	-1.1
0FED B1	A0		CMPI	#6A0
0FEF 26	EB		BNE	WRTDSC1
0FF1 108C	0088	WRTDSC2	CMPI	#PLINE+62
0FF5 27	08		Q	WRTDSC3
0FF7 A6	A0		LDA	0.1+
0FF9 B1	A0		CMPI	#6A0
0FFB 26	E7		BNE	WRTDSC5
0FFD 20	F2		BRA	WRTDSC2
0FF7 B6	0D	WRTDSC3	LDA	#6D
1001 8D	0406		JSR	FMS
1004 39		WRTDSC4	RTS	
1005 8E	004A	CLAPLN	LDI	#PLINE
1008 B6	4F		LDA	#6A0
100A C6	4F		LDB	#79
100C A7	80	CLAPL1	STA	0.1+
100E 5A			DECB	
100F 26	F8		BNE	CLAPL1
1011 39			RTS	
* PRINTS THE PRINTLINE.				
1012 96	13	PRINT	LDA	LINEND
1014 17	FE44		LBSR	HEIASC
1017 D0	4A		STD	PLND
1019 96	14		LDA	LINEND+1
101B 17	FE3D		LBSR	HEIASC
101E D0	4C		STD	PLND+2
1020 96	14		LDA	LINEND+1
1022 88	01		ADDA	#1
1024 19			DAA	
1025 97	14		STA	LINEND+1
1027 96	13		LDA	LINEND
1029 89	00		ADCA	#0
102B 19			DAA	
102C 97	13		STA	LINEND
102E 8E	004A		LDI	#PLND
1031 8D	5E		BSR	ZSUPP
1033 B6	CC03		LDA	DEPTH
1036 27	09		BEQ	PRINT3
1038 8D	04		SUBA	#4
103A 81	CC1A		CMPI	CLURLN
103D 26	02		BNE	PRINT3
103F 8D	3A		BSR	PAGE
1041 8E	004A	PRINT3	LDI	#PLINE
1044 8D	CC1E		JSR	PSTRNG
1047 8D	8C		BSR	WRTDSC
1049 39			RTS	
104A FC	0117	#HEAD	LDD	#PGND
104D 1E	89		EXG	A,B
104F 88	01		ADDA	#1
1051 19			DAA	
1052 1E	89		EXG	A,B
1054 89	00		ADCA	#0
1056 19			DAA	
1057 FD	0117		STD	#PGND
105A 17	F0FE		LBSR	HEIASC
105D FD	0112		STD	1PAGE
1060 B6	0118		LDA	#PGND+1
1063 17	F0F5		LBSR	HEIASC
1066 FD	0114		STD	1PAGE+2
1069 8E	0112		LDI	#PAGE
106C 8D	23		BSR	ZSUPP
106E 8D	1A		BSR	FOOT1
1070 8D	18		BSR	FOOT1
1072 8E	0003		LDI	#HEAD
1075 8D	CC1E		JSR	PSTRNG
1078 8D	10		BSR	FOOT1
107A 39			RTS	
107B 86	CC1A	#PAGE	LDA	CLURLN
107E B1	04		CMPI	DEPT11
1081 27	04		BEQ</	

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END	Oct	START	1x	
		FCB	\$10	
		FCB	6	
		FCB	\$11	
		FCB	6	
		FCC	"NOP"	\$12
		FCB	0A0, 0A0	
		FCB	00180	
		FCC	"SYNC"	\$13
		FCB	0A0	
		FDB	00180	
		ILLLEG		
		ILLLEG		
		FCC	"LBR"	\$16
		FCB	\$40	
		FCC	0088C	
		FDB	"LBR"	
		FCB	\$40	
		FDB	0088C	
		ILLLEG		
		FCC	"DB"	

END 1x	START 2x	2x
	FCC	"BFA"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BFA"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BFI"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BL S"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BCC"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BCC"
	F B	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BNC"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BND"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BVC"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BVS"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BPL"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BBI"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BCE"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BL T"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BGT"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"BLE"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
END 2x	START 3x	3x
	FCC	"LEAX"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$12B8
	FCC	"LEAY"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$12B8
	FCC	"LEAS"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$12B8
	FCC	"LEAU"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$12B8
	FCC	"PSMS"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"PULS"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"PSAU"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	FCC	"PULU"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$D2B8
	ILLEG	
	FCC	"RTS"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D9B0
	FCC	"ABX"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D1B0
	FCC	"RTI"
	FCB	\$A0, \$A0
	FDB	\$D9B0
	FCC	"CMRI"
	FCB	\$A0
	FDB	\$12B8
	FCC	"MUL"

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1461 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1463 0180      FDB $0180
1465            ILLEG
1466 53 57 49   FCC "SVI"
146F A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1471 0180      FDB $0180
*END 3x START 4x
1473 4E 45 47 41 FCC "NEGA"
1477 A0          FCB $A0
147B 0180      FDB $0180
147A            ILLEG
1481            ILLEG
1488 43 4F 4D 41 FCC "CMA"
148C A0          FCB $A0
148D 0180      FDB $0180
148F 4C 38 52 41 FCC "LSRA"
1493 A0          FCB $A0
1494 0180      FDB $0180
1496            ILLEG
149D 52 4F 52 41 FCC "RORA"
14A1 A0          FCB $A0
14A2 0180      FDB $0180
14A4 41 53 52 41 FCC "ASRA"
14A8 A0          FCB $A0
14A9 0180      FDB $0180
14AB 41 38 4C 41 FCC "ASLA"
14AF A0          FCB $A0
14B0 0180      FDB $0180
14B2 52 4F 4C 41 FCC "ROLA"
14B6 A0          FCB $A0
14B7 0180      FDB $0180
14B9 44 45 43 41 FCC "DECA"
14BD A0          FCB $A0
14BE 0180      FDB $0180
14C0            ILLEG
14C7 49 4E 43 41 FCC "INCA"
14CB A0          FCB $A0
14CC 0180      FDB $0180
14CE 54 38 54 41 FCC "TSTA"
14D2 A0          FCB $A0
14D3 0180      FDB $0180
14D5            ILLEG
14DC 43 4C 52 41 FCC "CLRA"
14E0 A0          FCB $A0
14E1 0180      FDB $0180
*END 4x START 5x
14E3 4E 45 47 42 FCC "MEGB"
14E7 A0          FCB $A0
14E8 0180      FDB $0180
14EA            ILLEG
14F1            ILLEG
14FB 43 4F 4D 42 FCC "CDBB"
14FC A0          FCB $A0
14FD 0180      FDB $0180
14FF 4C 38 52 42 FCC "LSRB"
1503 A0          FCB $A0
1504 0180      FDB $0180
1506            ILLEG
150D 52 4F 52 42 FCC "ROBB"
1511 A0          FCB $A0
1512 0180      FDB $0180
1514 41 53 52 42 FCC "ASRB"
1518 A0          FCB $A0
1519 0180      FDB $0180
151B 41 53 4C 42 FCC "ASLB"
151F A0          FCB $A0
1520 0180      FDB $0180
1522 52 4F 4C 42 FCC "ROLB"
1526 A0          FCB $A0
1527 0180      FDB $0180
1529 44 45 43 42 FCC "DECB"
152D A0          FCB $A0
152E 0180      FDB $0180
1530            ILLEG
1537 49 4E 43 42 FCC "INCB"
153B A0          FCB $A0
153C 0180      FDB $0180
153E 54 38 54 42 FCC "TSTB"
1542 A0          FCB $A0
1543 0180      FDB $0180
1545            ILLEG
154C 43 4C 52 42 FCC "CLRB"
1550 A0          FCB $A0
1551 0180      FDB $0180
*END 5x START 6x
1553 4E 45 47   FCC "NEG"
1556 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1558 1288      FDB $1288
155A            ILLEG
1561            ILLEG
1568 43 4F 4D   FCC "COM"
156B A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
156D 1288      FDB $1288
156F 4C 53 52   FCC "LSR"
1572 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1574 1288      FDB $1288
1576            ILLEG
157D 52 4F 52   FCC "ROR"
158D A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
158E 1288      FDB $1288
158A 41 53 52   FCC "ASR"
1587 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1589 1288      FDB $1288
158B 41 53 4C   FCC "RSL"
158E A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1590 1288      FDB $1288

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1592 52 4F 4C   FCC "ROL"
1595 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1597 1288      FDB $1288
1599 44 45 43   FCC "DEC"
159C A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
159E 1288      FDB $1288
15A0            ILLEG
15A7 49 4E 43   FCC "INC"
15AA A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15AC 1288      FDB $1288
15AE 54 53 54   FCC "TST"
15B1 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15B3 1288      FDB $1288
15B6 4A 4D 50   FCC "JMP"
15BB A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15BD 4C 4D 50   FCC "JMP"
15B8 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15BA 9988      FDB $9988
15BC 43 4C 52   FCC "CLR"
15BF A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15C1 1288      FDB $1288
15C3 4E 45 47   FCC "NEG"
15C6 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15C8 338C      FDB $338C
15CA            ILLEG
15D1            ILLEG
15D8 43 4F 4D   FCC "COM"
15DB A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15DD 338C      FDB $338C
15DF 4C 53 52   FCC "LSR"
15E2 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15E4 338C      FDB $338C
15E6            ILLEG
15ED 52 4F 52   FCC "ROR"
15F0 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15F2 338C      FDB $338C
15F4 41 53 52   FCC "ASR"
15F7 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
15F9 338C      FDB $338C
15FB 41 53 4C   FCC "RSL"
15FE A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1600 338C      FDB $338C
1602 52 4F 4C   FCC "ROL"
1605 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1607 338C      FDB $338C
1609 44 45 43   FCC "DEC"
160C A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
160E 338C      FDB $338C
1610            ILLEG
1617 49 4E 43   FCC "INC"
161A A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
161C 338C      FDB $338C
161E 54 38 54   FCC "TST"
1621 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1623 338C      FDB $338C
1625 4A 4D 50   FCC "JMP"
162B A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
162D 888C      FDB $888C
162C 43 4C 52   FCC "CLR"
162F A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1631 338C      FDB $338C
1633 53 55 42 41 FCC "SUBA"
1637 A0          FCB $A0
1638 1288      FDB $1288
163B 43 4D 50 41 FCC "CMPA"
163E A0          FCB $A0
163F 1288      FDB $1288
1641 53 42 43 41 FCC "SBCA"
1645 A0          FCB $A0
1646 1288      FDB $1288
1648 53 55 42 44 FCC "SUBD"
164C A0          FCB $A0
164D 438C      FDB $438C
164F 41 4E 44 41 FCC "ANDA"
1653 A0          FCB $A0
1654 1288      FDB $1288
1656 42 49 54 41 FCC "BITA"
165A A0          FCB $A0
165B 1288      FDB $1288
165D 4C 44 41   FCC "LDA"
1660 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1662 1288      FDB $1288
1664            ILLEG
166B 45 4F 52 41 FCC "EORA"
166F A0          FCB $A0
1670 1288      FDB $1288
1672 41 44 43 41 FCC "ROCA"
1676 A0          FCB $A0
1677 1288      FDB $1288
1679 4F 52 41   FCC "ORA"
167C A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
167E 1288      FDB $1288
1680 41 44 44 41 FCC "ADDA"
1684 A0          FCB $A0
1685 1288      FDB $1288
1687 43 4D 50 38 FCC "CPI"
168B A0          FCB $A0
168C 438C      FDB $438C
168E 42 38 52   FCC "RSR"
1691 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1693 0988      FDB $0988
1695 4C 44 58   FCC "LDX"
1698 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
169A 438C      FDB $438C
169C            ILLEG

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*END 6x START 7x
16A3 53 55 42 41 FCC "SUBA"
16A7 A0          FCB $A0
16AB 1288      FDB $1288
16AA 43 4D 50 41 FCC "CMPA"
16AE A0          FCB $A0
16AF 1288      FDB $1288
16B1 53 42 43 41 FCC "SBCA"
16B5 A0          FCB $A0
16B6 1288      FDB $1288
16B8 38 55 42 44 FCC "SUBD"
16BC A0          FCB $A0
16BD 1288      FDB $1288
16BF 41 4E 44 41 FCC "ANDA"
16C3 A0          FCB $A0
16C4 1288      FDB $1288
16C6 42 49 54 41 FCC "BITA"
16CA A0          FCB $A0
16CB 1288      FDB $1288
16CD 4C 44 41   FCC "LDA"
16D0 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
16D2 1288      FDB $1288
16D4 53 54 41   FCC "STA"
16D7 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
16D9 1288      FDB $1288
16DB 45 4F 52 41 FCC "EORA"
16DF A0          FCB $A0
16E0 1288      FDB $1288
16E2 41 44 43 41 FCC "ROCA"
16E6 A0          FCB $A0
16E7 1288      FDB $1288
16E9 4F 52 41   FCC "ORA"
16EC A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
16EE 1288      FDB $1288
16F0 41 44 44 41 FCC "ADDA"
16F4 A0          FCB $A0
16F5 1288      FDB $1288
16F7 43 4D 50 38 FCC "CPI"
16FB A0          FCB $A0
16FC 1288      FDB $1288
16FE 4A 38 52   FCC "JSR"
1701 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1703 8888      FDB $8888
1705 4C 44 58   FCC "LDX"
1708 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
170A 1288      FDB $1288
170C 53 54 58   FCC "STX"
170F A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1711 1288      FDB $1288
*END 7x START 8x
1713 53 55 42 41 FCC "SUBA"
1717 A0          FCB $A0
171B 1288      FDB $1288
171A 43 4D 50 41 FCC "CMPA"
171E A0          FCB $A0
171F 1288      FDB $1288
1721 38 42 43 41 FCC "SBCA"
1725 A0          FCB $A0
1726 1288      FDB $1288
1728 53 55 42 44 FCC "SUBD"
172C A0          FCB $A0
172D 1288      FDB $1288
172F 41 4E 44 41 FCC "ANDA"
1733 A0          FCB $A0
1734 1288      FDB $1288
1736 43 4D 54 41 FCC "BITA"
173A A0          FCB $A0
173B 1288      FDB $1288
173D 4C 44 41   FCC "LDA"
1740 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1742 1288      FDB $1288
1744 53 54 41   FCC "STA"
1747 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1749 1288      FDB $1288
174B 45 4F 52 41 FCC "EORA"
174F A0          FCB $A0
1750 1288      FDB $1288
1752 41 44 43 41 FCC "ADCA"
1756 A0          FCB $A0
1757 1288      FDB $1288
1759 4F 52 41   FCC "ORA"
175C A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
175E 1288      FDB $1288
1760 41 44 44 41 FCC "ADDA"
1764 A0          FCB $A0
1765 1288      FDB $1288
1767 43 4D 50 58 FCC "CPI"
176B A0          FCB $A0
176C 1288      FDB $1288
176E 4A 53 52   FCC "JSR"
1771 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1773 9888      FDB $9888
1775 4C 44 58   FCC "LDX"
177B A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
177A 1288      FDB $1288
177C 53 54 38   FCC "STX"
177F A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1781 1288      FDB $1288
*END 8x START 9x
1783 53 55 42 41 FCC "SUBA"
1787 A0          FCB $A0
1788 338C      FDB $338C
178A 43 4D 50 41 FCC "CMPA"
178E A0          FCB $A0
178F 338C      FDB $338C
1791 38 42 43 41 FCC "SBCA"
1795 A0          FCB $A0
1796 338C      FDB $338C

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16A3 53 55 42 41 FCC "SUBA"
16A7 A0          FCB $A0
16AB 1288      FDB $1288
16AA 43 4D 50 41 FCC "CMPA"
16AE A0          FCB $A0
16AF 1288      FDB $1288
16B1 53 42 43 41 FCC "SBCA"
16B5 A0          FCB $A0
16B6 1288      FDB $1288
16B8 38 55 42 44 FCC "SUBD"
16BC A0          FCB $A0
16BD 1288      FDB $1288
16BF 41 4E 44 41 FCC "ANDA"
16C3 A0          FCB $A0
16C4 1288      FDB $1288
16C6 42 49 54 41 FCC "BITA"
16CA A0          FCB $A0
16CB 1288      FDB $1288
16CD 4C 44 41   FCC "LDA"
16D0 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
16D2 1288      FDB $1288
16D4 53 54 41   FCC "STA"
16D7 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
16D9 1288      FDB $1288
16DB 45 4F 52 41 FCC "EORA"
16DF A0          FCB $A0
16E0 1288      FDB $1288
16E2 41 44 43 41 FCC "ROCA"
16E6 A0          FCB $A0
16E7 1288      FDB $1288
16E9 4F 52 41   FCC "ORA"
16EC A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
16EE 1288      FDB $1288
16F0 41 44 44 41 FCC "ADDA"
16F4 A0          FCB $A0
16F5 1288      FDB $1288
16F7 43 4D 50 38 FCC "CPI"
16FB A0          FCB $A0
16FC 1288      FDB $1288
16FE 4A 38 52   FCC "JSR"
1701 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1703 8888      FDB $8888
1705 4C 44 58   FCC "LDX"
1708 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
170A 1288      FDB $1288
170C 53 54 58   FCC "STX"
170F A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1711 1288      FDB $1288
*END 9x START Ax
1713 53 55 42 41 FCC "SUBA"
1717 A0          FCB $A0
171B 1288      FDB $1288
171A 43 4D 50 41 FCC "CMPA"
171E A0          FCB $A0
171F 1288      FDB $1288
1721 38 42 43 41 FCC "SBCA"
1725 A0          FCB $A0
1726 1288      FDB $1288
1728 53 55 42 44 FCC "SUBD"
172C A0          FCB $A0
172D 1288      FDB $1288
172F 41 4E 44 41 FCC "ANDA"
1733 A0          FCB $A0
1734 1288      FDB $1288
1736 43 4D 54 41 FCC "BITA"
173A A0          FCB $A0
173B 1288      FDB $1288
173D 4C 44 41   FCC "LDA"
1740 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1742 1288      FDB $1288
1744 53 54 41   FCC "STA"
1747 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1749 1288      FDB $1288
174B 45 4F 52 41 FCC "EORA"
174F A0          FCB $A0
1750 1288      FDB $1288
1752 41 44 43 41 FCC "ADCA"
1756 A0          FCB $A0
1757 1288      FDB $1288
1759 4F 52 41   FCC "ORA"
175C A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
175E 1288      FDB $1288
1760 41 44 44 41 FCC "ADDA"
1764 A0          FCB $A0
1765 1288      FDB $1288
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176B A0          FCB $A0
176C 1288      FDB $1288
176E 4A 53 52   FCC "JSR"
1771 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1773 9888      FDB $9888
1775 4C 44 58   FCC "LDX"
177B A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
177A 1288      FDB $1288
177C 53 54 38   FCC "STX"
177F A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1781 1288      FDB $1288
*END Ax START Bx
1783 53 55 42 41 FCC "SUBA"
1787 A0          FCB $A0
1788 338C      FDB $338C
178A 43 4D 50 41 FCC "CMPA"
178E A0          FCB $A0
178F 338C      FDB $338C
1791 38 42 43 41 FCC "SBCA"
1795 A0          FCB $A0
1796 338C      FDB $338C

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1A81 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1A83 3308      FDB $3308
1A85 53 54 59   FCC "STY"
1A88 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1A8A 3308      FDB $3308
1A8C 4C 44 53   FCC "LDS"
1A8F A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1A91 4308      FDB $4308
1A93 4C 44 53   FCC "LDS"
1A96 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1A98 2200      FDB $2200
1A9A 53 54 53   FCC "STS"
1A9D A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1A9F 2200      FDB $2200
1AA1 4C 44 53   FCC "LDS"
1AA4 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1AA6 1200      FDB $1200
1AA8 53 54 53   FCC "STS"
1AAB A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1AAD 1200      FDB $1200
1AAF 4C 44 53   FCC "LDS"
1AB2 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1AB4 3308      FDB $3308
1AB6 53 54 53   FCC "STS"
1AB9 A0 A0      FCB $A0,$A0
1ABB 3308      FDB $3308
1ABD 53 57 49 33 ELVCMO FCC "SWT3"
1AC1 A0 A0      FCB $A0
1AC2 01C0      FDB $01C0
1AC4 43 4D 50 55 FCC "CMPU"
1ACB A0 A0      FCB $A0
1ACF 4308      FDB $4308
1ACB 43 4D 50 53 FCC "CMPS"
1ACF A0 A0      FCB $A0
1AD0 4308      FDB $4308
1AD2 43 4D 50 55 FCC "CMPU"
1AD6 A0 A0      FCB $A0
1AD7 2200      FDB $2200
1AD9 43 4D 50 53 FCC "CMPS"
1AD0 A0 A0      FCB $A0
1ADE 2200      FDB $2200
1AE0 43 4D 50 55 FCC "CMPU"
1AE4 A0 A0      FCB $A0
1AE5 1200      FDB $1200
1AE7 43 4D 50 53 FCC "CMPS"
1AEB A0 A0      FCB $A0
1AEC 1200      FDB $1200
1AEE 43 4D 50 55 FCC "CMPU"
1AF2 A0 A0      FCB $A0
1AF3 3308      FDB $3308
1AF5 43 4D 50 53 FCC "CMPS"
1AF9 A0 A0      FCB $A0
1AFA 3308      FDB $3308
OPT LIS

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\*DUMPS TAG TABLE FOR ANALYSIS.  
 \*ACCESSED BY A +D AFTER THE  
 \*REST OF THE COMMAND LINE.  
 \*NOT DOCUMENTED, IF YOU FOUND  
 \*IT YOU CAN USE IT, BUT IT WAS  
 \*MEANT FOR DEBUGGING THE PROGRAM.

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1AFC 9E 07      *DUMP 1DX TAGST *DEBUG
1AFE C6 07      DUMP1 LDB 07
1B00 9C 09      DUMP2 DMP1 TAGEND
1B02 27 30      BEQ DUMP4
1B04 80 C03C    JSR OUTHEX
1B07 A6 80      LDA 0,X+
1B09 26 02      BNE DUMP3
1B0B 8A 20      LDA 0A20
1B0D 80 CD18    JSR PUTCHAR
1B10 8A 20      LDA 0A20
1B12 80 CD18    JSR PUTCHAR
1B15 34 10      PSWS X
1B17 80 CD45    JSR OUTADR
1B1A 35 10      PULS X
1B1C 30 02      LEAX 2,X
1B1E 8A 20      LDA 0A20
1B20 80 CD18    JSR PUTCHAR
1B23 8A 20      LDA 0A20
1B25 80 CD18    JSR PUTCHAR
1B28 5A 00      DECB
1B29 26 05      BNE DUMP2
1B2B 34 10      PSWS X
1B2D 80 CD24    JSR PULS
1B30 35 10      PULS X
1B32 20 CA      BRA DUMP1
1B34 80 CD24    JSR PULS
1B37 39      RTS

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\* PRINT "FCC" LINE  
 FCPRT TST FCPDNT  
 1B3A 27 1E BEQ FCPDRT  
 1B3C 86 77 LDA 0A77

\*NOTHING TO PRINT  
 \*CLOSE QUOTE

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1B3E A7 9F 0016 STA [FCCLOC]
1B42 BE 009A     LDX 0A9A
1B45 108E 0050   LDI 0A50
1B49 C6 38      LDB 0A38
1B4B A6 80      LDA 0,X+
1B4D A7 A0      STA 0,Y+
1B4F 5A 00      DECB
1B50 26 F9      BNE FCPDRT
1B52 17 F48D    LBSR PRINT
1B55 26 07      BNE FCPDRT
1B57 17 F4A8    LBSR CLAPLUN

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1B5A 8D 03      FCPDRT BSR CLAPLUN
1B5C 85 00      BTTA 00
1B5E 39 00      FCPDRT RTS
1B5F 86 A0      CLAPLUN LDA 0A40
1B61 C6 38      LDB 0A38
1B63 8E 009A    LDI 0A9A
1B66 A7 80      CLAPC1 STA 0,X+
1B68 5A 00      DECB
1B69 26 F8      BNE CLAPC1
1B6B 07 15      STB FCPDNT
1B6D CC 008A    LDD 008A
1B70 0D 16      STD FCPDLOC
1B72 39 00      RTS

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\*MOVES FILE NAME FROM 0,X TO 0,Y.

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1B73 A6 80      MOVEM LDA 0,X+
1B75 27 02      BEQ MOVEM2
1B77 A7 A0      STA 0,Y+
1B79 5A 00      MOVEM2 DECB
1B7A 26 F7      BNE MOVEM
1B7C C6 2E      LDB 0,Y+
1B7E E7 A0      STB 0,Y+
1B80 C6 03      LDB 0,Y+
1B82 A6 80      MOVEM1 LDA 0,X+
1B84 A7 A0      STA 0,Y+
1B86 5A 00      DECB
1B87 26 F9      BNE MOVEM1
1B89 39 00      RTS

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\*INDICES TAG TABLE

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1B8A 9E 07      TAGCLN LDX TAGST
1B8C 1F 12      TFR X,Y
1B8E 109C 09    TAGCL1 DMPV TAGEND
1B91 27 12      BEQ TAGCL3
1B93 A6 A0      LDA 0,Y+
1B95 86 21      BITA 0A21
1B97 27 08      BEQ TAGCL2
1B99 84 FE      ANDA 0AFE
1B9B A7 80      STA 0,X+
1B9D EC A4      LDD 0,Y
1B9F ED B1      STD 0,X+
1BA1 31 22      TAGCL2 LEAY 2,Y
1BA3 20 E9      BRA TAGCL1
1BA5 9F 09      TAGCL3 STX TAGEND
1BA7 9F 08      STX TTGST
1BA9 9F 00      STX TTEND
1BAB 30 06      LEAX 6,X
1BAD 9F 42      STX JST
1BAF 9F 44      STX JEND
1BB1 39 00      RTS

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\* GET KNOWN DATA AREAS

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1BB2 86 CC22    GETDAT LDA 0A22
1BB5 F6 CC1A    LDB 0A1A
1BB8 34 06      PSWS D
1BBA 7C CC22    LMC OUTSW
1BBB 8E 1C16    LDI 0A16
1BC0 80 C01E    JSR OUTSW
1BC3 9E 03      LDX DATST
1BC5 9F 05      STX DATEND
1BC7 86 3F      LDA 0,Y
1BC9 80 CD18    JSR PUTCHAR
1BCC 80 CD18    JSR PUTCHAR
1BCF 80 CD42    JSR GETHEX
1BD2 25 28      BCS GETD2
1BD4 109E 05    LDY DATEND
1BD6 AF A4      STX 0,Y
1BD8 80 CD42    JSR GETHEX
1BDE 25 21      BCS GETD2
1BDE 109E 05    LDY DATEND
1BE1 31 24      LEAY 4,Y
1BE3 AF 3E      STX -2,Y
1BE5 EC 3E      LDD -2,Y
1BE7 10A3 3C    CMPD -4,Y
1BEA 25 08      BCS GETD3
1BEC 109F 05    STY DATEND
1BEF 80 CD24    JSR PULS
1BF2 20 03      BRA GETD1
1BF4 80 CD24    JSR PULS
1BF7 8E 1C56    LDI 0A56
1BFA 80 C01E    JSR OUTSW
1BFD 20 C8      BRA GETD1
1BFF 9E 05      GETD2 LDX DATEND
1C01 9F 07      STX TAGST
1C03 30 03      LEAX 3,X
1C05 9F 09      STX TAGEND
1C07 30 03      LEAX 3,X
1C09 9F 08      STX TTGST
1C0B 9F 00      STX TTEND
1C0D 35 06      PULS D
1C0F 87 CC22    STA OUTSW
1C15 39 00      RTS

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\*SAVE TTY PARAMS

\*GO TO TERM

\*GET DATA

\*GET 1ST ADDR (FROM)

\*NOT HEX: EIT

\*2ND ADDR (TO)

\*CHECK SEQUENCE OF INPUT

\*NOT RIGHT!

\*ADJUST OTHER POINTERS

\*ENTER KNOWN DATA AREAS \*

\*"OR 'END'!"

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1C16 45 4E 54 45 MS65 FCC "ENTER KNOWN DATA AREAS"
1C1A 52 20 4B 4E
1C1E 4F 57 4E 20
1C22 44 41 54 41
1C26 20 41 52 45
1C2A 41 53 20
1C2D 29 4F 52 20
1C31 27 45 4E 44

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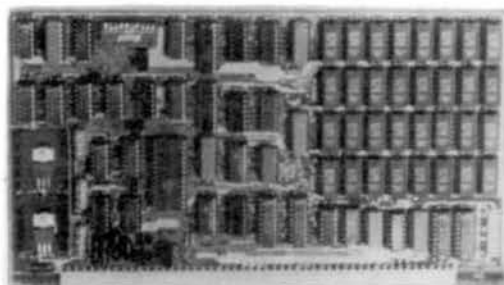
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IC35 27 29
IC37 00 0A 00 00 FCB #D, #A, 0, 0, 0, 0
IC38 00 00
IC39 46 52 4F 40 FCC "FROM, TO (INCLUSIVE)"
IC41 2C 54 4F 20
IC45 20 20 28 49
IC49 4E 43 4C 55
IC40 53 49 56 45
IC51 29
IC52 00A D4M4 FDB #D4A, #A0A
IC56 07 MSG6 FCB 7 *RING BELL
IC57 4E 4F 21 20 FCC *NO, 1ST ADDR > 2ND ADDR!
IC58 20 31 53 54
IC59 20 41 44 44
IC63 52 20 3E 20
IC67 32 4E 44 20
IC68 41 44 44 52
IC6F 21
IC70 00 0A 00 00 FCB #D, #A, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4
IC74 00 00 04
IC77 PGEND EQU * *TAG TABLE OVERLAYS
*DOES PRELIMINARY SETUP OF FILES.
*ETC. IT IS OVERLAD BY THE TAG.
*TABLE ONCE IT HAS DONE ITS THING.
IC77 BE 0119 PRE1M #FCBIN *POINT TO CONTROL BLOCK
IC7A BD C020 JSR GETFIL *GET FILE SPEC
IC7D 1025 00CE LBCS PRE3 *ERROR DETECTED
IC81 4F CLRA *BIM DEFAULT
IC82 BD C033 JSR SETEXT *SET EXTENSION
IC85 BA 01 LDA STA FUNC, I *OPEN FOR READ
IC87 A7 84 JSR FMS *CALL FILE MGMT SYSTEM
IC89 BD D406 LBNM PRE3 *ERRORD
IC8C 1026 00BF JSR FMS *ONE READ KEEPS
IC90 BD D406 LBNM PRE3 *FLEX HAPPY
IC93 1026 0088 LBD LD0 ST0 *ALLOW INITIAL REWIND
IC97 EC 88 11 STD NEXT, I *POINT TO OUTPUT BLOCK
IC9A ED 88 1E LDI *FCBOUT
IC9B BE 0259 JSR GETFIL
IC9D BD C02D JSR GETFIL
ICA3 24 12 BCC PRE1 *GOOD NAME; ELSE
ICA5 10BE 011C LDI *FCBIN+DRV *TRANSFER NAME
ICAF 30 03 LEAI DRV, I
ICAB C6 09 LDB #9
ICAD A6 40 LDA 0, Y+
ICAF A7 80 STA 0, I+
ICB1 5A DECB
ICB2 26 F9 BNE PRE2
ICB4 BE 0259 LDI *FCBOUT *RESTORE I
ICB7 BA 44 PRE1 LDA #0 *OSA EXTENSION
ICB9 A7 0C STA DRV+9, I
ICBB BA 53 LDA #5
ICBD A7 00 STA DRV+10, I
ICBF BA 41 LDA #A
ICC1 A7 0E STA DRV+11, I
ICC3 BA 02 PRE10 LDA #2
ICC5 A7 84 STA FUNC, I *OPEN FOR WRITE
ICD7 BD D406 JSR FMS
ICD8 BE 0C PRE9 BCC *ERROR
ICD9 A7 9F 0009 LDA STA DRV+1, I
ICD8 BA 04 LDA #12 *DELETE DUPLICATE
ICDA A7 84 STA FUNC, I
ICDC BD D406 JSR FMS
ICDF 26 5E BNE PRE3 *ERROR
ICE1 A6 9F 0009 LDA STA DRV+1, I *RESTORE NAME
ICE5 A7 04 STA BRA PRE10
ICE7 20 0A CLR COMP, I *COMPRESS SPACES
ICE9 AF 88 38 PRE9 LDI *FCBIN+DRV+1
ICEC BE 011D LDI #INFIL
ICEF 10BE 00E2 LDB #0
ICF3 C6 08 LBSR MOVNAM *MOVE NAME TO HEADING
ICF5 17 FE7B LDI *FCBOUT+DRV+1
ICF8 BE 0250 LDI #INFIL
ICFB 10BE 00FC LDB #0
ICFF C6 08 LBSR MOVNAM
ID01 17 FE6F LBSR PHEAD
ID04 17 F343 LDI LBNFPT *BACK POINTER UP
ID07 BE CC14 LEAI -5, I
ID0A 30 18 STI LBNFPT
ID0C BF CC14 JSR LBNFPT
ID0F BD C027 PRE4 BEQ PRE3 *GET NEXT CHAR
ID12 01 9D BCC PRE5 *C/R
ID14 27 23 CMA BEQ PRE3
ID16 01 C002 CMA BEQ PRE5
ID19 27 1E CMA BEQ PRE5 *END OF LINE
ID1B 01 28 CMA BEQ PRE4
ID1D 26 F0 BNE PRE4
ID1F BD C027 PRE6 JSR NUTCH
ID22 01 00 BCC PRE5
ID24 27 13 BEQ PRE5
ID26 01 C002 CMA BEQ PRE5
ID29 27 0E BEQ PRE5
ID2B 01 44 BNE PRE7 *DEBUG
ID2D 26 02 STA DEBUC
ID2F 97 1B CMA BEQ PRE7
ID31 01 43 BNE PRE6
ID33 26 EA STA INFLAB
ID35 97 1D BRA PRE6
ID37 20 E6 DA PRE5
ID39 BA C003 STA TTYDEP
ID3C 97 49

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103E FC CDOF LDI OUTCH
ID41 10B3 C012 CMB OUTCH2
ID45 27 05 BEQ PREB *CRT OUTPUT
ID47 96 00 LDA PDEPTH
ID49 07 C003 STA DEPTH *66 LINES
ID4C 1C FE PREB CLC
ID4E 39 RTS
ID4F BD CDOF PRE3 JSR RPIERR
ID52 1A 01 SEC
ID54 39 RTS
ID55 57 49 4C 4C FCB "WILLIAM STOCK"
ID59 49 41 4D 20
ID5D 53 54 4F 43
ID61 48
ID62 31 31 32 35 FCB "1125 LOTS DRIVE"
ID66 20 4C 4F 49
ID6A 53 20 44 52
ID6E 49 56 45
ID71 43 49 4E 43 FCB "CINCINNATI, OHIO 45237"
ID75 49 4E 4E 41
ID79 54 49 2C 20
ID7D 4F 4B 49 4F
ID81 20 34 35 32
ID85 33 37
ID87 35 31 33 20 FCB "513-641-0181"
ID8B 36 34 31 2B
ID8F 30 31 38 31
END START

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1 ERROR(S) DETECTED

# SYMBOL TABLE:

ABORTF	001C	BADOP	0023	BIND	001E	BY1ONT	002F	CLOSE	0406
CLARUM	185F	CLAFCL	1866	CLRPL1	100C	CLRPLN	1005	CNDONT	002E
CMDTBL	12B3	CNTR	0011	COFLG	0021	COMP	0038	COMT1	03DA
COMT2	03F4	COMT3	0403	COMT4	0303	CURJN	CC1A	CURTAG	0030
DABDR	009A	DATA	0040	DATEND	0005	DATST	0003	DC01	0940
DC02	09CB	DC02A	0903	DC02B	09DA	DC03	09DF	DC03A	0A12
DC03B	0A28	DC03C	0A10	DC03D	09E7	DC03RT	0A4C	DC03RD	0998
DEBUC	0018	DEPTH	CC03	DIEX	009F	DIOX	0022	DIR	08F3
DIR1	0C08	DI LINE	009A	DO10	0A40	DO10A	0A79	DO10C	0A62
DO11	0A7C	DO11A	0A48	DO11C	0A91	DO10G	0F82	DO10G1	0F88
DO12C	00B3	DO12D	00B9	DO12E	0012	DO12F	121C	DO12G	1225
DO12G2	1230	DO12G3	1236	DO12H	0E47	DO12I	0003	DO12J	00AD
DUMP	1AFC	DUMP1	1AFE	DUMP2	1800	DUMP3	1800	DUMP4	1834
ELVCHD	1A80	ENDS	1271	ERUS	1267	EXI	0C10	FCBIN	0119
FCBOUT	0259	FCBS	126A	FCCNT	0015	FCDI	0016	FCCPR1	1B48
FCCPR2	185E	FCCPR3	185A	FCCPR4	1838	FCCS	1274	FIND	003E
FIND1	0058	FIND2	0049	FIND3	007A	FINDT1	0F88	FINDT2	0F9A
FINDT3	0FA5	FINDT4	0FA9	FINDT5	0F80	FINDT6	0F80	FINDT7	0A34
FINDT8	0A25	FLEX	C000	FMS	0A0A	FMSCLS	0A03	FOOT1	108A
FUNC	0000	GOADUR	0035	GOCDNR	003A	GOCDNR	0039	GOTRK	0037
GE11	0E2E	GE12	0E24	GETCHR	C015	GETD1	18C7	GETD2	18FF
GETD3	18F4	GETDAT	18B2	GETFIL	C020	GETHEX	CD42	GETW1	0E46
HEAD	00B3	HEAD4	0099	HEXAS1	0E63	HEXAS2	0E67	HEXAS3	0E71
HEXASC	0E5B	HEXFM1	0031	HFILE	00E2	HFILE	00FC	HFILE	0112
HFGND	0117	ID1	0AAB	ID11	0AC1	ID110	0B4D	ID111	0B6D
ID112	0B4F	ID113	0B72	ID114	0B74	ID115	0B6A	ID116	0B6A
ID117	0B87	ID118	0B87	ID119	0B77	ID12	0ACD	ID120	0B81
ID120A	0B88	ID120B	0B97	ID13	0ADE	ID14	0AEB	ID15	0A78
ID16	0AFO	ID18	0B42	ID19	0B4A	ID1R	0B4C	ID1RE1	0BEB
ID1REG	0B06	INA	0019	INR2	0D36	INBUFF	C018	INH	0C35
INH1	0C90	INH10	0C8B	INH11	0B01	INH12	0B0E	INH13	0B14
INH14	0CA2	INH15	0E52	INH16	0CA9	INH17	0CB2	INH18	0CC1
INH19	0CC7	INH2	0C9A	INH20	0C00	INH21	0C0C	INH22	0C0B
INH3	0C9B	INH4	0C53	INH4B	0C65	INH5	0C76	INH6	0C9C
INH7	0CEE	INH9	0D06	LASTO	0025	LINEND	0013	LX10E	12AA
KL11E	12B3	LNBFPT	CC14	LOOK10	12B4	LOOK11	12BA	LSTBLK	0027
MOVNAM	CC28	MODE	0030	MOVNAM1	18B2	MOVNAM2	1879	MOVNAM3	1873
NR10X	0041	RSEC	003F	NSC2	11C7	MSG6	11E4	MSG5	1C16
NR10X	1C56	NAMS	1250	NEIT	DO1E	NEITT	0F66	NEITT1	0F6A
NR1T2	0F7D	NONCTG	0022	NUTCH	C027	NUTOP	0019	OPTS	1270
ORGS	1260	OUTADR	CD45	OUTCH	C02F	OUTCH2	C03C	OUTHEX	C030
OUTSW	CC22	P1A	0401	P1B	0450	P1C	048B	P1D	04AF
P1E	04BF	P1F	0479	P1G	04C2	P1H	04C2	P1I	04C5
P1J	04C9	P1K	04BF	P1L	04DE	P2A	05B9	P2B	04EE
P2C	0519	P2D	0529	P2E	0552	P2F	0556	P2G	0562
P2F1	054C	P2F2	057F	P2G	059A	P2TAG	0A3D	P3A	060A
P3C	06A6	P3D	05CA	P3E	0507	P3F	0A02	P3G	061A
P3H	05E8	P4A	0627	P4AA	08C0	P4B	0637	P4C	063D
P4C1	0653	P4D	0671	P4E	0688	P4END	08D5	P4END1	08E4
P4END2	08F3	P4END3	0919	P4END4	0925	P4F	0699	P4G	069E
P4H	06DA	P4I	06ED	P4J	06F1	P4K	0700	P4K1	0720
P4I	074A	P4M	076D	P4N1	0773	P4N2	0780	P4N3	07D4
P4M4	07B9	P4N5	07C0	P4N6	0798	P4N	07D8	P4O	07FF
P4O1	0800	P4P	0817	P4Q	0868	P4R	0872	P4S	087A
P4T	087F	P4U	0889	P4V	0892	P4W	0894	P4M1	08A6
P4I	08AD	P4Y	0886	P4Z	088E	P4DDR	0D50	PAGE	107B
PAGE1	1087	PRSC11	0088	PRSS1	043A	PRSS2	04E3	PASS3	059D
PASS4	0618	PCDM	008E	PCDLF	CD24	PDEPTH	0000	PGEND	1C77
PHEAD	104A	PHE1	0055	PLINE	004A	PLND	004A	POPCD	0069
POPHD	004F	PRE1	1C87	PRE10	1C23	PRE2	1C4F	PRE3	1C4F
PRE4	1D0F	PRE5	1C09	PRE6	101F	PRE7	1031	PRE8	1D4C
PRE9	1CE9	PREL1M	1C77	PRIM7	1012	PRINT3	1041	PSPL	120C
PSTRNG	CD1E	PTAG	0063	PUTCHR	C018	READ	007D	READ1	0D00
READ2	00D0	READ3	00DC	READ4	00E4	READ5	00EE	READ6	0093
READ7	00FD	READ8	00EC	READ9	00B5	READR	00F8	READR1	0E13
READR2	0E1F	READR3	0E1C	REL	0C18	REL1	0C2B	REL2	0C2D
REPAS1	0997	REPAS2	0977	REPAS4	093A	REPAS6	0960	REPAS8	0928
REPAS1	0E63	REWIN2	0E2E	REWIND	0F16	R10X	0023	R1P1	0ECC
R1P3	0E66	R1P5	0E52	R1P6	0E78	R1P8	0ED9	R1P9	0F00
R1P1E	0EC7	RPIERR	CD3F	RRI0X	0018	SAMCH	0029	SETEXT	CD33
START	0399	START1	03A3	STAT	0001	STRSEC	0011	TAGBLD	0032
TAGCL1	18BE	TAGCL2	18A1	TAGCL3	18A5	TAGCLN	18BA	TAGEND	0009
TAGST	0007	TENDMD	1983	TFIG	11FB	TRIP4	0E97	TRIP5	0E8F

TRAPL 0E72	TTGEND 0000	TTGST 0000	TTYDEP 0049	TTYEOL 0002
WARIO 0003	WRTOS1 0FDC	WRTOS2 0FF1	WRTOS3 0FF7	WRTOS4 1004
WRTOS5 0FE4	WRTOSC 0F05	WRTERR 08E0	WTER 0024	XPRADD 000F
XREND 0044	XRF110 10F8	XRF111 1118	XRF1M1 1088	XRF1N2 10C7
XRF1N3 10B3	XRF1M4 1008	XRF1M6 10E7	XRF1M7 10EB	XRF1N8 10FC
XRF1M9 1104	XRF1AG 0010	XRF1M1 1193	XRF1M1 11A4	XRF1M2 11B6
XRF1M4 11B8	XRF1M1 1130	XRF1M2 1170	XRF1M3 1181	XRF1M4 1188
XRF1M5 118F	XRF1M6 112E	XRF1M7 1145	XRF1M1 1126	XRF1M1 10AF
XRSOR5 1124	XRSORT 109E	XRS1 0042	XRTAG 0046	ZAPFLG 0020
ZAPT 0E99	ZAPT2 0EAC	ZAPT3 0EB0	ZAPT4 0EAE	ZAPT5 0BC2
ZAPT6 0BC3	ZSUPP 1091	ZSUPP1 1090	ZZZZY 1903	ZZZZZ 12B3

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Microcomputers. See that word and you think of those ubiquitous marvels of technology that represent the miracle of modern electronics in the home and workplace. With the variety of machines available today, it is difficult to visualize a world that does not include these machines. But there was a time when there were no microcomputers on the market at all. In the early 1970's, if computing was done, it was done on mainframes or minicomputers. That is, until 1975...

Southwest Technical Products Corporation, San Antonio, Texas, began manufacturing microcomputer systems that year with kit systems based on the Motorola 6800. With RAM capacity of 32K, these systems provided hobbyists with the ability to have computer systems of their own, with considerable power, at a reasonable price. Running an 8K, cassette-loaded BASIC, these early systems brought computers into the home for the first time.

**BEGINNINGS** 1975 was the beginning of SWTPc's involvement with selling microcomputers, but the company had begun some eleven years earlier with kit electronics produced in the garage of entrepreneur Daniel Meyer. Electronics hobbyists will remember the product line of amplifiers, graphic equalizers, color organs, digital meters, strobe lights, ultrasonic burglar alarms, timers, counting units, the Beachcomber metal detector and the Therman, an innovative electronic musical instrument. It was as a natural extension of this varied product line that Southwest took its first steps into microcomputers.

**Microprocessor - based machines** were introduced at about the same time by SWTPc, MITS (with the Altair 8800) and IMS Associates (with the IMSAI 8080). For the 6800 computer, Southwest invented the SS-50 bus, with 7 slots for processor, memory and controllers, and including a separate 30-pin I/O bus with 8 slots on the motherboard. The system ran at a clock speed of 1.0 Mhz. Auxiliary storage was accomplished on this early system through audio cassette player/recorder.

**DISK OPERATING SYSTEM** The first disk operating system for the 6800 computer was introduced to the micro world in 1977. Running on floppies, FLEX was developed by Technical Systems Consultants, now of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Designed to be powerful and user-friendly, FLEX became the de facto standard operating system for the 6800.

**6809 COMPUTERS** In 1978, Southwest introduced the /09 computer based on the new Motorola 6809 microprocessor. This improved processor gave the system user a greatly enlarged instruction set, as compared with the 6800, and provided the programmer with four pointer registers and a program counter... each of 16 bits. Of the Motorola models, Southwest chose to use the 68B09,

for 2.0 Mhz operation. For users wishing to upgrade their 6800 systems, Southwest provided update documentation to accommodate the new processor.

**MULTI-USER SYSTEMS** With the power of the 6809 processor now available, the decision was made to implement a multi-user operating system for the SWTPc computer. After close examination of the available OS designs, SWTPc chose UNIFLEX\*... a multi-user

OS closely modeled on the Bell Labs' UNIX\*\* system. Also implemented by TSC, UNIFLEX incorporated some of the user - friendly attributes of FLEX.

**S/O9 AND S+ SYSTEMS** The multi-user system, dubbed the S/O9, was offered for the first time in 1979. This system provided features previously expected only from minicomputers and mainframes... Multi-terminal (up to 12) operation, Dynamic Memory Allocation and Direct Memory Access. Furthermore, the S/O9 system was configurable to include "Winchester" hard disk drive technology. With the addition of a hard disk, the S/O9 achieved full status as a new, hybrid computer classification... the MICRO-MINI.

The state-of-the-art in SWTPc micro-minis is the S+ system. Designed for office, school lab and industrial data processing, the S+ provides for operation of up to 32 terminals through the use of efficient data handling, larger memory capability and peripheral processor interface. Running in a supervisor and user state, the S+ CPU monitors system functions to prevent user - generated system crashes. The S+ can also run the MUMPS Operating system with up to 16 Terminals.

Both the S+ and the S/O9 support 14" and 5-1/4" Winchester disk drives, logical tape backup, and up to 5Mbytes of floppy disk storage. A variety of letter-quality and dot-matrix printers are available for use with either system.

**X12+ AND BEYOND...** Southwest Technical Products continues to develop and manufacture microcomputer systems to meet the increasing data processing needs of the marketplace.

The new X12+ is a desk-top, 256K computer integrated with a SWTPc-manufactured intelligent terminal. Running UNIFLEX, the system features Mini-Winchester auxiliary storage, data communications, optional hardware floating point computation and supports 2 additional work stations.

Other hardware under development at the SWTPc 5-building facility in San Antonio includes plug-in 68000 processor, floating point processor, virtual system processor, 1 Mbyte memory board and networking interfaces.

**SUMMARY** In the fast-paced and volatile world of microcomputer manufacturing, it takes innovative engineering and aggressive pricing to stay in competition. Since the very birth of the micro, Southwest Technical Products has provided this kind of leadership in design and production of computer systems. Southwest Technical Products is the Prospering Pioneer of microcomputers.

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The following is a description of the X12+ system from SWTPc:

X-12+ Multi-user computer system

Concept:



The X-12+ system is designed as a stand-alone 256K computer capable of supporting one to three users simultaneously. The system incorporates as standard features many capabilities that micro users are coming to expect from their systems--hard disk capacity; multi-user, multi-tasking, multi-processing capability; expandability to 1024K RAM; variety of available programming languages and proven operating systems.

#### The Hardware:

The X-12+ CPU resides inside the SWTPC X12 terminal, with a 12 inch (diagonal) CRT and a detached 91-key keyboard. Standard auxiliary storage slots alongside the CRT in an attractive "Mailbox Memory" unit that contains a high speed 20M-byte mini Winchester and a 1.25M-byte mini floppy drive.

System architecture is built around the Motorola 6809 processor, and includes extended addressing, optional TMS 320 32-bit processor for floating point work (transparent to the user), 256K of dynamic RAM, buffered disk I/O to reduce redundant disk reads, two RS-232 ports for additional terminals, and one parallel port for future communications with loop network. The X-12+ communicates with its own CRT in parallel for ultra fast output display. One RS-232 printer port and one 'Centronics Parallel' printer port are included as standard. An additional RS-232 serial port is included to allow the X-12+ to act as a terminal on a remote system.

#### CRT Features

The X-12+ display is controlled by a separate 6809 processor, and an on-board vocabulary of 255 words may be spoken by the voice processor installed as standard equipment. User-programmable character sets, multiple screen formats, 15 programmable function keys, tone generator, reverse fielding, under and over-lining, blinking characters, field protection, multiple screen formats, display status line, graphics and ergonomic design are additional features of the unit.

#### Software:

The standard X-12+ will run the powerful \*UnifLEX Operating System from Technical Systems Consultants. UnifLEX is optimized for the 6809, and provides the same file structure and 'shell' facility that is available with \*UNIX. UnifLEX dynamically allocates up to 64K of memory for each running task in 4K increments, and supports BASIC, FORTRAN, Pascal, 'C', COBOL, a relocating assembler and Pilot. Input/Output redirection, piping, random and sequential files and virtual array capability provide for the complete range of file access needs.

As an additional option, the X-12+ will be configurable to run the single-user FLEX+ operating system, with dual-floppy operation.

#### Special Feature:

The X-12+ has capability to run in Local and Remote modes. The unit can function as an intelligent terminal on another system while two other terminals attached to it are using the local system resources. Future development will include synchronous loop network capability for up to 255 X-12+ units, each with up to 2 additional workstations.

Pricing: The X-12+ multi-user configuration of CPU, 256K RAM, CRT, detached Keyboard, Voice and

Sound synthesizers, three parallel ports, four serial ports, 1.25M floppy, 20M mini-Winchester and UnifLEX Operating System ... \$6,595.

Single-user configuration with dual 1.25M floppies, FLEX+ Operating system, full CRT features and BASIC... \$4,495.

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Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading the June issue. It was great. It looks like the 68000 (or at least the 68008) has arrived on the 55-50 bus with a vengeance. The Xellis offer in June and the rumored Smoke Signal offer in July look like excellent ways to get going quickly with the 68000 and OS9/68k or a UNIX clone. Please keep up the 68000 news. It looks as if that is where we will all eventually be going.

I was also pleased to see that Southwest Media is now offering John Alford's SCREDITOR III word processor. It is a great program which until last month was missing from Southeast's product list.

My wife and I have been happily using SCREDITOR for our law practice for almost two years. We started with the 6800 version for FLEX 2 and now have moved up to the FLEX 9 version. (I also have the OS9 version.) All versions use the same commands and work the same from the user's standpoint. They provide a good solid what-you-see-is-what-you-get type word processor with all of the usual features. We usually use SCREDITOR as a screen editor with word wrap at the end of a line. But it can also be used for multiple column documents or as a line editor. The only item which SCREDITOR does not have and would be useful to us is the ability to handle footnotes. (If you have ever read a legal brief, you know that attorneys are fond of footnotes.)

The configuration program which SCREDITOR comes with allow it to be used with almost any type of terminal or printer. We use it with a Freedom 100 and M-19 terminals. The terminal configuration program lets us use the function and word processing keys on our terminals instead of having to use predefined control codes. This saves us a keystroke every time we use one of the single key functions.

We use two different printers with SCREDITOR. The printer configuration program both use the same text files. When printing, SCREDITOR takes care of sending the right code for the printer which is being used.

I hope you keep up the good work publishing and selling 68XX articles and software.

Sincerely

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Larry,

After reading the "Where's the 68000?" article last month I decided it was time to sit down and write one of those "Reader Response" letters! I feel that the readers should be aware of one area where there is a tremendous amount of 68000 activity.

We here at Federal Express have become involved with what we feel is the optimum solution to microsystems design problems - VME / 68000. VME stands for "Versa-Module European" and is a standardized bus structure and hardware configuration.

There were three major contributors to the specification.... Motorola, MOSTEK, and Signetics (Philips). The VME specification has its roots in what is commonly referred to as "Euro-card." One of the more noticeable differences between standard Euro-card and VME (as specified by Motorola, et al.) is the physical size, 220mm depth for Euro-card vs 160mm for VME. The VME "form factor" was more appealing due to compactness and availability.

Some of the reasons that we have for choosing the VME / 68000 combination are:

- Broad base of product support... both domestic and international.
- Readily available "state-of-the-industry" technology including --
  - Widely accepted 68000 family processor architecture
  - Large selection of peripheral device support modules
  - Fast, flexible memory options such as CMOS Static, high-density Dynamic and "Bubble"
- The availability of "High Level" operating systems environments and programming aids.
- The trend toward high quality, consistent documentation across a large number of VME product manufacturers.
- The willingness for the participating manufacturers to place all required information into the hands of the system integrators and end-users.

We are very comfortable with the direction we have chosen. A tremendous amount of effort was put into the process. The results have been both successful and rewarding. Finally, we are looking forward to a long and productive involvement with VME / 68000 based products.

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Dear Don,

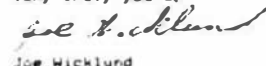
I haven't had time to write any letters the past couple of years, but I still find time to read your magazine. I've looked at a couple of the competitors' but they don't seem to even finish out my years subscription before disappearing. I've recently solved a small problem that has been nagging me for a couple of years on Flex based systems. I've owned a couple of systems that provide a ready input to the floppy disk controller, either from the drives themselves or from an index pulse detector, with the idea that if a drive isn't ready then trying to access it will result in an error message rather than a hung system. Somehow it never seemed to work quite right and strange things seemed to happen, such as getting a "NOT FOUND" message when trying to use a system utility that was definitely present. I don't want to come out and say that there is a bug, either in Flex or in the documentation, because I might be the only one that has had problems.

First, let me state that I have written my own disk drivers, so the problem might be mine alone. However, I should also state that those drivers are similar to and patterned after those suggested by TSC in the Flex Adaptation Manual for General Flex. Now that I've included all these disclaimers, let me tell you how the problem occurs, and one possible solution. The Western Digital series of floppy disk controller chips (1771, 1771, 2791) have a ready input which can be used to detect if the drive is ready for access (motor on, speed up, disk in place, etc.) What sometimes happens is that the disk operating system (DOS) issues a read sector command (say for the directory) and the controller attempts to read the sector called for; however, if the drive isn't ready the controller chip will immediately abort the operation and return with the "not ready" flag set. If the READ sector subroutine doesn't test this bit from the controller, and the example provided by TSC doesn't, then the DOS thinks that a valid read has occurred without any data whatsoever being read from the

disk. NOW THAT CAN CAUSE SOME STRANGE RESULTS !!

Two possible fixes suggest themselves. One is to add the ready bit to the read sector error test; the other is to perform a drive ready test before trying to read the sector. The latter is what I chose to do, adding a 1/2 second delay & retest if not ready. The same addition was made to the write sector routine.

Very truly yours,

  
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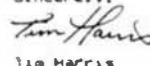
In response to the letter of Mr. LaFerr Stuart which appeared in your June issue, I would like to ask Mr. Stuart, why, if he truly believes that each computer system has its good and bad points, does he make the totally negative statement calling the Color Computer a "useless toy" inferior to the Commodore 64??

Well, I am the owner of a 64K Color Computer running OS-9 and although it is not as ideal as the ideal computer system it is far from useless. I have had my complaints with the machine, the limited memory, the bad keyboard and, yes, the useless display but have solved many of these problems to an extent myself and it seems that Andy too is solving some of these. Aside from that the CoCo has several very good points. For starters, where else can you get a 68000 based machine

running OS-9 or FLEX for under \$1000? As a computer science major at Iowa State University I have found my CoCo a very valuable computer. For one thing it has given me an opportunity to use and study an advanced UNIC-like operating system on my "toy" computer. Secondly, it has given me a chance to program in assembler and high level languages at home, not just in classwork. For example, the C language is not currently taught to undergraduates at ISU out with my CoCo and Microware's C compiler I now have a chance to learn C at home and with the full compiler I can write useful, transportable code which I could not do with other micros and their Small C's. Aside from C, I can program in BASIC which I vastly prefer over Microsoft BASIC or any of the other BASIC dialects on the market, once you are used to modular programming it is hard to go back to using GOTO's and GOSUB's. Within a few months Microware's Pascal should also be on the market giving another full Pascal compiler for the CoCo, one exists for RS-DOS and another for FLEX already. What other low cost micro on the market has all these full languages available to it and under several different operating systems?

Thus I see the Color Computer as being far from a "useless toy" and I also see it as far superior to the Commodore 64 and all the other low cost micros on the market. My views are not singular either, the CoCo has a large following as can be seen by the large number of clubs, magazines and software suppliers who support it. I know alot of the software is games out there is getting to be more serious software out now too from K&L, Computerware, J&M, SouthEast Media and Janov's Microware's releases. Besides it is nice to sit back and play a game now and then. If I was running a business it would be nice to have a 3-50 bus 6809 or 68000 machine but for me at home the CoCo is just right and has been a very useful "toy".

Sincerely,

  
 Tim Harris

A while back I needed a terminal for my "Mikbug Board" (G-Job) to be able to use the thing at home. I was always using a terminal at work. Now with a little work I have a "semi-intelligent" terminal. The terminal uses the Motorola family of chips, ie a 6802 processor, 6847 video generator, and 6821 for input/output. Since I was using the 6847 in something like "TVBUG" I had to wait for some kind of sync pulse to load or read the display ram. Now the 6802 is in a interleaved Direct Memory Access mode. The 6802 is dedicated to the 6847 in a terminal mode. There used to be snow when the 6802 talked to the 6847, now there is no, I repeat no snow when display ram is accessed! This is done by syncing the 6802 to the 6847 at power-up with a either-edge triggered device. Together with a 3 bit latch, the 6802 and 6847 share the same memory and they do not know about each other (kind of like the Radio Shack 6883 setup). The reason for this modification is for the 8 point move, draw, box, rectangle and crosshair routines. Originally the routines took a lot of time to draw any line because of the waiting for the sync pulse to do memory accesses. Finally the full speed of these routines can be used to an advantage. Yes the processor runs at color-burst crystal speed, but I can tell you that the graphics routines are quite fast. Also the "TVBUG" can be modified to accept these routines (and hardware mod) without having to use the handshaking for blanking sync thereby increasing throughput and eliminating any snow on the screen in any graphics mode. So, now I have a semi intelligent terminal that runs at processor speed as the input/output is 3 bit parallel handshaking. The firmware is just under 2K (hex) bytes of data, including the graphics routines. If you would like the schematics and firmware, please contact me about these items. I will be glad to make these public.

After this terminal was built, I wanted to run 6800 type programs a little faster so I upped my 6800 to a 6809. Currently I am running Santa Barbara Tiny Basic with extensions (poke, peek, wait and various terminal oriented functions).

All in all I have a delightful combination to use. This is only the beginning of course, there is always FLEX to add in someday.

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# News Release

## Robot-1

With the advent of large scale integrated circuitry (LSI), the availability of powerful home personal computers has become a reality. This same technology has also shown up in industry to further automate dangerous or tedious and precision assembly procedures in mass production lines around the world.

Now, for the first time in history the availability of this technology has made possible the introduction of low cost home personal robotic and low cost industrial robotic systems. A vast interest in artificial intelligence and robotics has arisen due to the availability of the small powerful computer systems that same intelligent robot systems possible.

As an entrance into the field of robotics Analog Micro Systems is offering a complete line of computer controlled robotics for entertainment, education and small industry. The first product to be released for national sale is the "Robot-1" computer servo controlled robot arm. Two versions of this robot arm are now being offered on the general market. One version is a plug in compatible output device for the Analog Color Computer. The "Robot-1" is controlled by either keyboard or joystick inputs to the color computer. The operator can put the computer in a teach mode and operate the robot arm to perform a given task. After the operator has guided the Robot-1 through the various movements and functions, the operator may then instruct the computer to remember and repeat the sequence of movements and functions any number of times. The movement sequences may also be saved on tape or disk for later use. The Robot-1C comes complete with all software and includes a power supply, a six channel servo controller, all cables and a Robot-1. The Robot-1C is priced at \$995.00 complete.

The next version of Robot-1 comes with different interface electronics in order to function on a larger computer system which like the Color Computer uses the 68000 microprocessor. This will allow Color Computer users to upgrade their applications to multi robot systems while using the same software that they developed for the color computer. This analog computer like system is commonly known as the SS-50 bus. The Robot-1S uses a sixteen address thirty pin input/output connector on the SS-50 bus to control a six axis servo controller and power supply interface card. The Robot-1S takes advantage of the larger computer bus by allowing up to eight robot arms to run interactively and simultaneously using the same multi robot arm software. All movement sequences may be saved on tape or on disk to be retrieved later repeating the multi interactive robot arm movement sequences. Source code is provided with all robot software to enhance the ease of research and experimentation in the field of robotics.

The techniques that are learned from using Robot-1 may be directly transferred to the use of Robot-2 and Robot-3 industrial work robot arms as the software techniques, the control techniques, and the interface hardware are identical. Robot-1 is sized at robotic entertainment, research and education. Robot-2 is useful for small industrial assembly such as electronic circuit boards. Robot-3 is a larger version used for medium duty operations such as chassis assembly, painting operations, or the handling of dangerous materials. All three robot arms plug into the same interface electronics allowing low cost upgrade to industrial applications. Additional software will be supplied with each robot arm.

A number of accessories shall be available for Robot-1 and it's successors. Software packages shall be available to move Robot-1 from the input of AMR biofeedback equipment allowing certain brainwave patterns, muscle movements, and body functions to control the robot arm operations. These are available for the Analog Micro Systems Model 8266 Electromyograph Brainwave Analyzer, the Model 8264 Biofeedback Precision Temperature Monitor, the Model 8262 Electromyograph, and the Model 8260 Dermograph. A low cost digital video TV camera shall be available for robotic sight and pattern recognition. An ultrasonic range finder shall be available for distance measuring. A mobile cart to sit the robot arm base into will give the robot arm mobility. Should cables to the robot arm be undesirable a radio link shall be available for remote control of the mobile based robot arm. Computer generated audio output along with sound recognition is available directly to the computer is well as over the radio link to the mobile robot system. A four joystick and switch interface is available for computers not having such inputs. The above accessories shall be available for SS-50 based computer systems.

The robotics systems outlined above are modular in nature and may be assembled in any number of possible configurations. For example, a remote radio controlled mobile robot with speech, sound recognition, ultrasonic ranging and detection, and robot vision may be assembled with the above modular components. The resulting system can be programmed in a high level computer language resulting in a superior artificial intelligence system with a degree of human effort, the performance to cost ratio of the above systems far exceeds anything that is available on today's market.

## Crummy CoCo

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In his letter printed in the June issue of 68 Micro Journal, LeFarr Stuart calls the Color Computer a "useless toy", and says that "nobody with a grain of sense would ever (sic) consider the Color Computer for anything serious". It's fortunate for me that I lack a grain of sense, because the following are some of the things I do with my "useless toy".

1. Word processing: Lecture notes, tests, correspondence, articles for magazines, and laboratory manuals.
2. List management: lists of several hundred 35mm slides, supplies to be ordered, addresses, and phone numbers are maintained. Selecting and sorting functions allow reporting in selected formats.

3. Scheduling: All appointments, lecture and test schedules, and special dates are kept in a single file which can be searched in order to print specialized schedules.

4. Grade maintenance: Multiple choice tests are graded and questions analyzed for quality. Test scores are stored and assignment scores are entered. Functions allow points to be converted to letter grades.

5. Income tax management: quarterly evaluations of tax liability minimize withholding and the chore at year's end. Multiple forms are provided.

6. Lecture graphics: certain topics in biology lend themselves to graphic presentation in color and with animation.

7. Simulations: My genetics students use a program with which each student simulates animal crosses. The offspring can be used in further crosses in order to determine the type of inheritance involved in the various traits.

No one claims that the CoCo is the equivalent of a Bimbé. But for \$200 a beginner in personal computing can purchase a 64K 4809 machine with Extended BASIC, cassette interface, TV interface, RS-232 port, and two A/D converter ports. If his interest wanes, his doorstep hasn't cost him a fortune. If like mine his interest grows, he has a machine that can grow with him.

If Disk BASIC ceases to satisfy for whatever reason, there is FLEX ("bastardized" though it may be... LeFarr's term, not mine) and OS-9 (although its appropriateness on the CoCo can be questioned). These additional DOSes open great vistas of programming in additional languages (PL/V is my current fascination). And expansion interfaces allow the use of the types of boards which SS-50 users enjoy: 80x25 video displays, serial and parallel ports, clock/calendars, static memory, and stereo music synthesis.

Ron Anderson says that the small size of the SS-50 software market may eventually kill the bus. The "useless toy" has introduced many thousands to the pleasure and power of 4809 computing. If the efforts of software producers in "getting it to go on the CoCo" (LeFarr) are any indication of the potential market, the Color Computer may postpone the death of the SS-50.

Dear Don,

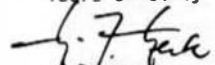
## Getting out of XBASIC

There's a much easier way:

29999 EXEC, "exec.flex.txt"

And "flex.txt" just reads "asn" or anything. After executing "flex.txt", exec.cmd returns to FLEX.

Yours sincerely

  
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Dir Sirs:

The folling program is an extension of the os-9 command, procs e. What this program does is take certain information from a procs e. Then it compiles this information into an easy to read format.

First it will take the user name from the procs, then it will look at what they are doing. After it has taken this information it will dump it onto the screen, giving the name of the user and what they are doing at the time you execute the program.

I suggest that this program be packed and put on the cmds directory so it can be executed from os-9.

Before you can run the program, you have to set up a data file on the sys directory. I have also written a program to do this. What it does is to take the user

number and name from the password word file and put into a file of its own.

This program makes it easier to monitor the activities of other users on the system, making it easier to maintain security (which by the way was what it was originally designed for).

Sincerely

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Systems Manager  
Lynden High School

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PROCEDURE procslancy
0000 REM *****
0029 REM *
0052 REM * Security Program Designed and *
0078 REM * Written at Lynden High School by *
00A4 REM * Michael W. Klein on May 21, 1984. *
00C0 REM *
00F6 REM *****
011F DIM path:BYTE
0126 DIM line:STRING(80)
0132 DIM num,procs,proc(50):STRING
0144 DIM count,number(50):INTEGER
0156 SHELL "procs = /h0/sys/proc.dat"
0173 OPEN #path,"/h0/sys/proc.dat":READ
018E FOR i=1 TO 4
01A0 READ #path,line
01AA NEXT i
01B3 count=0
01BC WHILE NOT(EOF(#path)) DO
01C7 count=count+1
01D2 READ #path,line
01DC num=MID$(line,10,4)
01E9 procs=MID$(line,43,16)
01F6 proc(count)=procs
0202 number(count)=VAL(num)
0210 ENDO
0214 CLOSE #path
021A SHELL "del /h0/sys/proc.dat"
0232 DIM name,password_number:STRING
023D OPEN #path,"/h0/sys/user_no.":READ
0258 PRINT "Date: ";DATE$
0265 PRINT "User Name","Process"
027C PRINT "-----"
029D PRINT
029F WHILE NOT(EOF(#path)) DO
02AA READ #path,name,password_number
02B8 FOR j=1 TO count
02C1 IF VAL(password_number)=number(j) THEN
02DE PRINT name,proc(j)
02EB ENDIF
02ED NEXT j
02F8 ENDO
02FC CLOSE #path

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PROCEDURE user_name_fancy
0000 DIM path,p:BYTE
0008 DIM line:STRING(80)
0017 DIM name,number:STRING
0022 OPEN #path,"password":READ
0035 CREATE #p,"user_no.":WRITE
0048 WHILE NOT(EOF(#path)) DO
0053 READ #path,line
005D z=SUBSTR(" ",line)
006A name=LEFT$(line,z-1)
0074 line=RIGHT$(line,LEN(line)-z)
008E z=SUBSTR(" ",line)
0098 line=RIGHT$(line,LEN(line)-z)
00AE z=SUBSTR(" ",line)
00B8 number=LEFT$(line,z-1)
00CC WRITE #p,name,number
00DA ENDO
00DE CLOSE #path
00EA CLOSE #p

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## HYPERDISK

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TTL HELI: DISK SIMULATOR  
PAG

• HYPERDISK -- IN MEMORY DISK SIMULATOR FOR IBM PC COMPUTER  
• UTILIZES EXPANDED MEMORY TO SIMULATE A DISK DRIVE

• COPYRIGHT 1982 COMPUTER SYSTEMS CENTER OF HAZELWOOD, INC.

• WHEN EXECUTED AS A COMMAND EXPANDED MEMORY IS SEARCHED  
• OUT AND FORMATTED AS A DISK, DISK I/O CALLS ARE THEN  
• INTERCEPTED AND ALL REFERENCES TO DISK 3 ARE DIRECTED  
• TO THE SIMULATED DISK, ALL OTHERS ARE PASSED ON TO THE  
• PHYSICAL DISK DRIVERS.

• METHOD:

• THE 'E' DAT REGISTER IS USED AS A WINDOW TO THE EXTENDED  
• MEMORY. THIS ASSURES THERE WILL NO CONFLICT WITH ANY  
• SYSTEM REFERENCES SINCE 'E' IS NORMALLY RESERVED FOR I/O  
• AND DURING DISK SIMULATION IT IS THE I/O.  
• THE SIMULATED DISK IS 'FORMATTED' INTO 'TRACKS' OF 16  
• 'SECTORS' WHICH IS EXACTLY 4096 BYTES, THE SIZE OF A DAT  
• PAGE. THE TRACK/SECTOR LINKS ARE SET UP SO THAT THE  
• 'TRACK' IS THE ACTUAL VALUE TO STUFF INTO THE DAT AND THE  
• 'SECTOR' IS THE HIGH ADDRESS BYTE OF THE BLOCK TO REFERENCE.  
• THE 'TRACKS' ARE FORMATTED WITH NON-CONTIGUOUS LINKS IN ORDER  
• TO SKIP OVER THE 'E' WINDOW ADDRESS AND THE UNMAPPABLE 'F'  
• ADDRESSES. THE 'SECTOR' ADDRESS IS ACTUALLY ONE MORE THAN  
• THE ACTUAL MEMORY ADDRESS BYTE IN CASE SOME PROGRAM ASSUMES  
• THAT SECTOR ADDRESSES CAN NEVER BE ZERO OR THAT A SECTOR LINK  
• ADDRESS OF ZERO IS AS GOOD AS TRK/SEC OF ZERO TO INDICATE  
• END OF FILE.  
• THE ABSOLUTE DISK TRK/SEC OF 0003 (STR) AND 0005 (DIR START)  
• ARE MAPPED INTO SIMULATED 0101 AND 0102. 'TRACKS' 01 AND 02  
• ARE FORMATTED AS THE DIRECTORY GIVING 31 SECTORS WHICH IS  
• APPROXIMATELY THE SAME RATIO AS ON ACTUAL DISKS.  
PAS  
• SYSTEM EQUATES

WARM EQU #C003 RETURN TO SYSTEM  
PSTRNG EQU #C01E PRINT STRINGS  
MIXCH EQU #C027 SET MIXT CHAR  
OUTDEC EQU #C039 OUTPUT DECIMAL NUM  
INDEC EQU #C04B INPUT DECIMAL FROM INBUF  
TYEOL EQU #C0C2 COMMAND SEPARATOR  
LSTERM EQU #C0C1 LAST TERMINATOR  
DATE EQU #C0CE SYSTEM DATE  
DSKVEC EQU #D000 DISK VECTOR TABLE  
LBPTR EQU #CC14 FLEX LINE BUFFER POINTER  
OUTHEI EQU #C03C OUTPUT HEX NUMBER  
PUTCHR EQU #C01B PUT CHARACTER

• FIXED DISK TRK/SEC ADDRS

SIRSEC EQU #0003 SYSTEM INFORMATION RECORD  
DIRSEC EQU #0005 DIRECTORY START

• HARDWARE REGISTERS

DAT EQU #FFFF DAT REGISTER USED AS WINDOW  
WINDOW EQU #E000 BASE ADDR OF WINDOW REFERENCE  
STDAT EQU #FE 'STANDARD' DAT SETTING

• CHARACTER EQUATES

CR EQU #D CARRIAGE RETURN  
EOL EQU #4 END OF LINE MARKER  
PAG  
ORG #C100 RUN-TIME FORMATTER IN UTILITY AREA

• SIZE AND 'FORMAT' MEMORY

START LDA #3 SET DEFAULT DRIVE NUM  
STA DRVNUM  
LDD #B10FF  
STD STBLCK SET DEFAULT START AND END BLOCKS  
PARSE4 CLR STFLAG CLEAR 'START BLOCK PROCESSED' FLAG  
CLR DNMFLG CLEAR 'COMMAND LINE PROCESSED' FLAG  
PARSE2 JSR GETME1  
PARSE1 TSTB  
BEQ NOTNUM GO IF NUMBER NOT FOUND  
CMPB #2  
BEQ INDDIG GO IF TWO DIGIT NUMBER FOUND  
CMPB #5  
BEQ TWODIG 5 DIGIT PROCESSING SAME AS 2 DIGIT  
CMPB #1  
LMBE SYMERR SYNTAX ERROR IF NUMBER OTHER THAN 1, 2, OR 5 DIGITS  
CMPB #9  
LMBE SYMERR SYNTAX ERROR IF NUMBER >9  
STA DRVNUM STORE DRIVE NUMBER

```

PARSEC JSR GETMEK GET NEXT ITEM
        CNPD 01 DON'T ALLOW ANOTHER : DIGIT NUMBER
        LBER SYMERR
        BRA PARSEC1 CONTINUE PARSE
NOISUM LDA TERMCH
        CNPD 01-
        BEQ DASH
        CNPD 01+
        BEQ OPTION
        CNPD 0CR
        LBER ENDCMD
        CNPD TTYEOL
        LBER ENDCMD
        CNPD 0020
        BEQ PARSEC2
        BRA SYMERR
DASH INC STFLAG SET 'START BLOCK PROCESSED' FLAG
        BRA PARSEC3 CONTINUE PARSE
TNOIS1 STFLAG PROCESSED START BLOCK YET?
        BNE SETEBK YES, SET END BLOCK
        INC STFLAG SET FLAG NOW
        STA STBLCK SET START BLOCK
        LDA TERMCH GET TERMINATING CHARACTER
        CNPD 01-
        BNE SYMERR ELSE SYNTAX ERROR
        BRA PARSEC3 CONTINUE PARSE
SETEBK CNPD STBLCK MAKE SURE END>START
        BLD SYMERR
        STA ENDBLK
        LDA TERMCH SEE IF WE'RE DONE
        CNPD 0CR
        BEQ ENDCMD
        CNPD TTYEOL
        BEQ ENDCMD
        CNPD 0020 BETTER BE SPACE THEN
        BNE SYMERR
        LDA (LBPTR) CHECK NEXT CHARACTER
        CNPD 01+
        BNE FORMAT NO, MUST BE NEW DRIVE 0
        JSR NITCK SKIP OVER +
OPTION JSR NITCK GET OPTION
        PSMS A
        JSR NITCK
        CNPD 0CR
        BEQ SETEBK SET END OF COMMAND FLAG IF CR
        CNPD TTYEOL ALSO IF TTYEOL
        BEQ SETEBK
OCONT PULS A
        CNPD 01N
        LBER NOFMT DONT FORMAT MEMORY
        CNPD 01N
        LBER NOFMT
        CNPD 01R
        LBER REMOVE REMOVE ALL SIMULATED DRIVES
        CNPD 01r
        LBER REMOVE
        CNPD 010
        LBER DELETE DELETE SPECIFIED DRIVE 0 ONLY
        CNPD 010
        LBER DELETE
        LDI 00ADARS
        JAP ERRMSG TELL THEM AND LEAVE
SETECH INC COMFLG
        BRA BCONT
SYMERR LDI 0SYNMSG
        JAP ERRMSG
ENDCMD INC COMFLG SET DONE FLAG
FORMAT LDA 0RYMUM
        JRA 010 MAKE ASCII
        STA 0MSG PUT IN MSG
        LDI 00FTRMSG
        JSR 0STRMSG
        LDI 0STBLCK
        JSR 0UTMEK
        LDA 01-
        JSR 0PUTCH
        LDI 0ENDBLK
        JSR 0UTMEK
        LDI 000VMSG TELL THEM
        JSR 0DATA

```

```

LDI 001 FREE SEC CTR
        LDA STBLCK GET SEGMENT START ADDR
        STA 0000TK LAST '0000' TRACK 0
TRKLP LDI 001NDWM GET BASE ACCESS ADDRESS
        STA DAT SET FOR TESTING
        LDI 0000S GET TEST BYTE
        STB 07FF,I PUT IT
        CNPD 07FF,I IS IT SAME?
        BNE NITTK NO, TRY NEXT TRACK
        STB 07FF,I TRY DIFFERENT ADDR JUST TO MAKE SURE
        CNPD 07FF,I
        BNE NITTK
        LDI 02 YES, FORMAT IT
        STA 0000TK THIS IS GOOD TRACK
        SECLP STD ,I++ SET FND LINK
        PSMS 0 SAVE
        LDI 0254 COUNTER
        CLRLCP CLR ,I+
        DECD CNT DOWN
        BNE CLRLCP
        PULS 0 GET BACK
        INCD BUMP
        LEAY 1,Y COUNT SECTORS
        CNPD 001NDWM+01000 LAST ON TRACK?
        BLD SECLP NOT LAST
        NITTK LDI 0000TK
        STB 0000TK SAVE HIGHEST TRACK
        STB DAT PAGE IT IN
        LDI 01 FIRST SECTOR, NEXT TRACK
        INCA BUMP TO NEXT TRACK
        BEQ MKEND END OF ALL MEMORY
        CNPD ENDBLK DONE?
        BNE MKEND
        SET STD 001NDWM+0F00 SET LINK
        BRA 000LP DO NEXT SEGMENT
        MKEND LDA 0000TK
        CNPD STBLCK MAKE SURE SOME GOOD MEMORY WAS FOUND
        LBER 0000TK
        CLRA
        CLRD
        STD 001NDWM+0F00
* MARK DIRECTORY END - ASSIGN ONLY ONE DIRECTORY SECTOR & LET
* FILE EXTEND IT AS NECESSARY
        LDA STBLCK GET FIRST BLOCK
        STA DAT SET
        CLRA
        CLRD
        STD 001NDWM+0100 MARK END OF DIR
* BUILD SIR
        LDA STBLCK GET FIRST TRACK
        STA DAT
        LDI 001NDWM
        CLR ,I+
        CLR ,I+ CLEAR OUT LINK
        LEAY 14,Y
        LDI 001VOLNAM SET VOLUME NAME
        NAMLP LDI ,0+
        STB ,I+
        CMPL 0VOLNAM+11
        BLO NAMLP
        LDI 01 SET VOLUME NUMBER
        STD ,I++
        LDA STBLCK SET FIRST AVAIL SECTOR
        LDI 03
        STD ,I++
        LDA 0000TK GET LAST TRK
        LDI 0000 MAY SEC ON TRK
        STB ,I++
        PSMS 0 SAVE
        LEAY -2,Y REDUCE SEC CNT FOR SIR & DIR SEC
        STY ,I++ SET SECTOR COUNT
        LDI 0000 DATE SET DATE
        STD ,I++
        LDA 0000 DATE+2
        STA ,I+
        PULS 0 GET MAX TRK/SEC

```



```
STB ,100 SET MAX TRK/SEC
BRA INIT
```

#### \* PRESERVE EXISTING INFO

```
MOVMT LDA STBLKX SET DAT FOR SIR
STA DAT
LDX #INDWG*16 SET FOR COMPARE
LDU BYOLMAN
CMPLP LDB ,0+
CMPB ,1+
BNE MONTCH FAIL
CMPU BYOLMAN*11
JNE CMPLP NOT END, KEEP ON
LDY 0,1 GET SECTOR CNT
LDA 11,1 SET MAX TRK
STA MAXTRK SET
```

#### \* INITIALIZE SWITCHES

```
INIT LDA 0STDDAT RESET DAT TO NORMAL
STA DAT
LDD DSKVEC+1 ARE WE ALREADY IN?
CMPD BREAD
BEQ NOCLR YES, DON'T CLEAR STARTING BLOCK TABLE
LDI 0STBLKS
CLRSLP CLR ,0+
CMPU 0STBLKS*10
BLO CLRSLP
NOCLR LDA 00FF
STA SELECT INIT SWITCH TO NOT SEL
LDU 0STBLKS PUT STARTING BLOCK IN TABLE
LDD 0RVNUM
LDA STBLK
STA 0,0
LDD 001001 SET INIT TRK/SEC
STB TRACK
```

#### \* TELL THEM WE ARE DONE

```
LDI 0MSG
JSR PSTRNG
PSWS Y SAVE TOTAL SECS
TFR S,0 GET PTR TO SAVED
CLRB SET ZERO FLG
JSR OUTDEC OUT CNT
```

#### \* MOVE OLD DISK I/O VECTORS AND REPLACE

```
LDD DSKVEC+1 GET READ ADDR
CMPD BREAD IT IS US
BEQ EXIT DONT MOVE VECTORS TWICE
LDI 0NEWVEC MOVE IN NEW VECTORS
RVNLP LDA ,1+
LDD DSKVEC-NEWVEC-1,1 SAVE OLD
STA DSKVEC-NEWVEC-1,1 SET NEW
STB DSKVEC-NEWVEC+SIZE-1,1 SET MOVED OLD
CMPX 0NEWVEC+SIZE DONE?
BLO RVNLP NO
BRA EXIT
```

```
NOTCH LDI 0NOTFN
```

```
BRA ERRMSG
```

```
NOFN LDI 0NOFN
```

```
ERRMSG LDA 0STDDAT SET DAT BACK TO NORMAL
```

```
STA DAT
```

```
JSR PSTRNG
```

```
JMP WARMS ALL DONE INITIALIZING
```

```
EXIT TST 0DNGFLG ANYTHING ELSE ON COMMAND LINE?
```

```
LDB PARSE4 YES, CONTINUE PARSE
```

```
JMP WARMS ELSE BUTT
```

#### \* REMOVE I/O VECTOR CHANGES

```
REMOVE LDD DSKVEC+1 GET ADDR OF READ JMP
CMPD BREAD IS IT US?
BNE EXIT NO, NOTHING TO DO
LDI 0DSKVEC INIT PTR
RVNLP LDA SIZE,1
STA ,1+ MOVE
CMPI 0DSKVEC+SIZE DONE?
```

```
BNE RMLP NO
BRA EXIT YES
```

```
DELETE LDA 0RVNUM
LDU 0STBLKS
CLR A,0
LDA 00FF DESELECT
STA SELECT
BRA EXIT
```

#### \* HEX INPUT SUBROUTINE - ONLY ACCEPTS FIRST TWO DIGITS

```
GETHE1 CLRB
PSWS 0 TEMPORARY STORAGE
GHL00P JSR NITCH GET CHARACTER
BSR GETDIG GET DIGIT
BCS GHE111 EXIT IF NOT HEX
INCB BUMP COUNTER
CMPB 02
BHI GHL00P IGNORE DIGITS AFTER SECOND
ASL 0,5 ALIGN MS NIBBLE
ASL 0,5
ASL 0,5
DRA 0,5 MERGE IN LS NIBBLE
STA 0,5 SAVE IT
BRA GHL00P
```

```
GHE111 PULS A,PC GET BYTE AND RETURN
```

```
GETDIG CMPA 0'0
BLO NOTHE1
CMPA 0'F
BHI NOTHE1
CMPA 0'9
BLS SKPADJ
CMPA 0'A
BLO NOTHE1
SUBA 07
SKPADJ ANDA 00F
CLC
RTS
```

```
NOTHE1 STA TERNCH STORE TERMINATING CHAR
SEC
RTS
```

```
PDL00P JSR PUTCHR
PDATA LDA ,1+
CMPA 0EOL
BNE PDL00P
RTS
```

```
RVNUM RMB 1 DRIVE 0 CURRENTLY BEING FORMATTED
MAXTRK RMB 1 MAX TRACKS SIMULATED
STBLK RMB 1 STARTING BLOCK OF CURRENT DRIVE
ENDBLK RMB 1 ENDING * * * *
TERNCH RMB 1 GETHE1 TERMINATING CHARACTER
STFLAG RMB 1 START BLOCK PROCESSED FLAG
DNGFLG RMB 1 COMMAND COMPLETELY PARSED FLAG
GOODTK RMB 1 LAST GOOD TRACK
```

#### \* MESSAGES

```
VOLMAN FCC "HYPERDISK.I"
FNTRSG FCC "Formatting ",EOL
DRVMSG FCC "as drive "
MSG FCC "0",EOL
MSG FCC "Total Sectors Available: ",EOL
NOFNMSG FCC "NO MEMORY AVAILABLE",EOL
BADMSG FCC "BAD OPTION",EOL
NOTFN FCC "MEMORY NOT FORMATTED",EOL
SYNMSG FCC "SYNTAX ERROR - PLEASE RETYPE COMMAND",EOL
```

#### \* NEW DISK DRIVER ROUTINE VECTORS

```
NEWVEC JMP READ
JMP WRITE
JMP VERIFY
JMP PESTOR
JMP DRIVE
```

```

JMP CHKRDY
JMP CHKRDY (QUICK)
LBR A+SIZE INIT, PASS THRU
LBR A+SIZE WARN, PASS THRU
JMP SEEK
SIZE EQU +MEMVEC TABLE SIZE
PAG
+ DISK DRIVER SIMULATOR FOR HYPERDISK

ORG DSXVEC+SIZE LEAVE SPACE FOR ORIGINAL VECTORS
RD RMB 3 SPACE FOR MOVED VECTORS
WR RMB 3
VFI RMB 3
RES RMB 3
DRV RMB 3
CHK RMB 3
DISK RMB 3
RMB 6 PASSED THRU
SK RMB 3

STBLKS RMB 10 STARTING BLOCKS FOR DRIVES 0-9
SELECT RMB 1 DRIVE WHICH IS SELECTED, OFF IF NONE
TRACK RMB 1 SIMULATED TRACK REG, SET BY SEEK & RESTORE
SECTOR RMB 1 SIMULATED SECTOR REG
MAISEC FCB $10 MAX SECTOR SIZE

CHKNUM PSMS 0,U
LDB 3,1 GET DRIVE NUM
LDB 0STBLKS
LDA 0,U
PULS 0,U,PC

CHKRDY PSMS A
BSR CHKNUM
PULS A

REQ CHK
CLRD SET AS RBY
RTS

DRIVE PSMS A
BSR CHKNUM
PULS A
ONE SEL
LDB 00FF
STB SELECT TURN US OFF
BRA DRV GO DO REAL
SEL LDB 3,1 TURN US ON
STB SELECT
CLRD SET NO ERROR
RTS

RESTOR PSMS A
BSR CHKNUM
ONE RES1
PULS A
BRA RES PASS THROUGH
RES1 LDB 0001 SET AT FIRST SECTOR
STD TRACK
PULS A
CLRD SET NO ERROR
RTS

SEEK PSMS A
LDA SELECT ARE WE SELECTED?
CMPA 00FF
PULS A
REQ SK NO, PASS IT ON
PULS V
LDB 0STBLKS GET BASE FOR STARTING BLOCKS
CMPD 001SEC IS IT 0?
ONE SK1 NO
LDA SELECT GET DRIVE 0
LDA A,U GET STARTING BLOCK
LDB 01 SET TO FIRST SEC
SK1 CMPD 001SEC IS IT DIRECTORY START?
ONE SK2 NO
LDA SELECT
LDA A,U
LDB 02 SET TO SECOND SECTOR
SK2 PSMS 0
LDB SELECT

```

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CMPA 0,U
PULS 0,U
BLO NOTFND
CMPB MAISEC
BHI NOTFND
STD TRACK SET FOR R/W
CLRD SET NO ERROR
RTS
NOTFND LDB 0010 SET R/W ERROR
RTS

VERIFY PSMS A
LDA SELECT
CMPA 00FF
PULS A
LBER VFI NO, PASS ON
CLRD YES, WAS GOOD
RTS

WRITE PSMS A
LDA SELECT
CMPA 00FF
PULS A
LBER WR NO
BSR SEEK GO TEST AND SET
ONE ERRORT
PSMS U SAVE
BSR RWSET
EIG 1,U SET PROPER TO-FROM REGS
BRA IZER

READ PSMS A
LDA SELECT
CMPA 00FF
PULS A
LBER RD NO, PASS ON
BSR SEEK SEEK AND LIMIT TEST
ONE ERRORT
PSMS U SAVE
BSR RWSET GO SET UP FOR OP
IFER TFR 1,0 GET TO ADDR
INCA BUMP ONE SECTOR
PSMS 0 SAVE FOR COMPARE
LOOP LDB 0,U+ GET WORD
STB 1,U+ SET WORD
CMP1 1,5 ARE WE DONE?
ONE LOOP NO
LEAS 2,5 REMOVE COMPARE
LDA 0STDBAT
STA DAT SET BACK NORMAL
PULS U RESTORE
CLRD SET GOOD
ERRORT RTS

RWSET LDA TRACK
STA DAT SET DAT AT TRACK
LOI 0WINDOW SET SECTOR ADDR
LDA SECTOR
DECA BUMP BACK
CLRD
LEAU 0,U CALC SEC START
RTS

END START

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## VDATE

FLEX Utility Reports  
File Creation Date

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You may not be aware of it, but the FLEX\* operating system carefully notes down in the disk directory the creation

date of every file you save. In the standard set of utilities furnished with FLEX 1.0 (for the DMAF-1 8" disk), there is no means of accessing this information, except by single-stepping the directory and snooping in the \$A890-A97F region of the file sector buffer.

There is a DATE transient command, however, which allows you to read or alter FLEX' MO-DA-YR registers (this, by the way, is not the routine used when the system is first booted up: that's an input-only routine in the resident part of FLEX). As your command string is parsed by the DATE program, it jumps to an input routine if it sees something beyond the DATE or DATE.CMD filename, but simply reports the current date if there is no operand in the line.

It's a relatively simple operation for the program to look a little closer at the operand, and if it looks like a filename (starts with a letter or with one digit and a period), to use that name to open a file and extract the date information from the directory, processing it as it would the MO-DA-YR register.

\*TM, Technical Systems Consultants, Inc.

There are a couple of traps to watch for. The TSC-furnished .SYS, .LOW and .CMD files have 0-0-0 as creation dates. The month-lookup routine can't handle "0", so a "0" date must be trapped out.

And, if you have been playing around and using these directory bytes for something else, you'll also need to trap out any "month" value higher than \$C, or the month routine will print out garbage -- maybe lots of it!

In the FLEX directory, the byte just before the month digit is not (yet) used by TSC. It's a handy place to keep track of revision numbers -- particularly on files which may be revised or updated several times in a day. If you train your assembler or text editor to extract this byte on every delete operation and plug in the incremented value when you open the file for writing, you will be able to check on this revision number (1 to 255) of any file, without having to download the file itself, just by calling VDATE,FILENAME.EXT.

If the revision byte is nonzero, VDATE will report:

Rev 35 April 22, 1981

-- or whatever. The "Rev" title and number are omitted if the data byte is 0.

The original DATE routine in loader format just barely slops over into a second sector -- so there's plenty of room if you want to substitute this program for the original DATE.CMD, even on a full disk.

The VDATE routine here is coded and "ORG'd" for the SWTPC 6800/DMAF-1. It is no doubt adaptable to the SWTPC mini-floppy and 6809 versions, and perhaps to SSB FLEX as well -- but I haven't seen the code on these versions, and won't promise a thing.

But if you have the original target equipment, give it a try: you'll like it!

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00010      *      NAM      VDATE      Modified DATE Utility
00020      *      OPT      Rev 0.3      March 20, 1980
00030      *      *      D:MOG

00050      *Provides reporting of creation/revision date
00060      *of disk files; and of revision numbers if
00070      *implemented, as well as current date I/O.

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00110      *External References

00130      AC11      LTERM      EQU      SAC11      Last terminator or delimiter
00140      AC02      EOLCH      EQU      SAC02      EOL character
00150      AD03      WARMS      EQU      SAD03      FLEX re-entry
00160      AB00      FCB        EQU      SA840      System FCB
00170      AD3F      RPTERR      EQU      SA03F      Error reporting routine
00180      AD48      INDEC      EQU      SAD48      Decimal input, binary conv.
00190      AD24      PCRLF      EQU      SAD24      Output CRLF
00200      AD18      PUTCHR      EQU      SAD18      Output character
00210      AD39      OUTDEC      EQU      SAD39      Binary to decimal & out.
00220      AC0E      FMO        EQU      SAC0E      FLEX Date register
00230      AC0F      FDA        EQU      SAC0F
00240      AC10      FYR        EQU      SAC10
00250      AC14      LBUFP      EQU      SAC14      Line buffer pointer
00260      AD2D      GETFIL      EQU      SAD2D      Pick up file spec
00270      AD33      SETEXT      EQU      SAD33      Set default ext if none.
00280      B406      FMS        EQU      S406      File management system
00290      AD36      ADOBX      EQU      SAD36      XR = XR + ACC B

00310 A100      ORG          $A100

00330 A100 20 D7      VDATE      BRA      DATE1      Skip registers

00350 A102 01      V          FCB      1          Version
00360 A103 00      REV        FCB      0          Rev # for files so flagged
00370 A104 00      MO         FCB      0          From FLEX or file
00380 A105 00      DA         FCB      0
00390 A106 00      YR         FCB      0
00400 A107 00      NUMX       FCB      0          Working register
00410 A108 00      NUML       FCB      0          LSB

00430 A109 06 AC11 DATE1      LDA      A          LTERM      Get last delimiter
00440 A10C 01 00      CMP      A          $000      C/R?
00450 A10E 27 5A      BEQ      A          DATO      If so, just report date.
00460 A110 01 AC02      CMP      A          EOLCH      EOL character?
00470 A113 27 55      BEQ      A          DATO      No input: output only
00480 A115 FE AC14      LOX      LOUFP      Buffer pointer
00490 A110 A6 00      LDA      A          0,X      Have a look
00500 A11A 01 40      CMP      A          $540      Alpha?

00510 A11C 22 06      BHI      FILDP      Probably a filename
00520 A11E A6 01      LDA      A          1,X      Look at next-following
00530 A120 01 2E      CMP      A          $32E      Period?
00540 A122 26 03      BNE      DATE2      Probably date input
00550 A124 7C A1CF FILDP      JMP      FILDAT      Must be filename.

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00570 A127 80 2F DATE2 BSR NUMIN Get number from buffer
00580 A129 25 20 BSC SYNERR C set: bad input
00590 A12B 01 0C CMP A #5BC Over 12?
00600 A12D 22 1C BHI SYNERR Does not compute
00610 A12F 07 AC0E STA A #70 Into FLEX date register
00620 A132 80 24 BSR NUMIN Get next digit(s)
00630 A134 25 15 BCS SYNERR Bummer?
00640 A136 01 1F CIP A #51F Over 31?
00650 A138 22 11 BHI SYNERR Don't dig long months
00660 A13A 07 AC0F STA A #0A February 31 is OK.
00670 A13D 80 19 BSR NUMIN For year
00680 A13F 25 0A BCS SYNERR C flags NG or no data
00690 A141 01 63 CMP A #563 99 in hex
00700 A143 22 06 BHI SYNERR Actual date + 256 is OK.
00710 A145 07 AC10 STA A #F0 To FLEX
00720 A14B 7E AD03 JHP WARYS All done.

00740 A14B CE AB40 SYNERR LDX #FCB System control block
00750 A14E C6 1A LDA B #51A Syntax error (#26)
00760 A150 E7 01 SYNERR STA B 1,X Into Error Status byte
00770 A152 8D AD3F JSR RPTERR FLEX routine
00780 A155 7E AD03 JHP WARYS Back to FLEX.

00800 A158 8D AD4B NUMIN JSR INDEC Input & binary conversion
00810 A15B 25 0C BCS NUMIN Bad input
00820 A15D 5D TST B Check for no-input
00830 A15E 27 0B BEQ NREJ Delimiter -- no digits
00840 A160 FF A107 STX NUMH Four hex digits
00850 A163 86 A10B LDA A NUMH Get L5B only
00860 A166 0C CLC All's well
00870 A167 39 RTS
00880 A16B 0D NREJ SEC Bounce flag
00890 A169 39 NREJ RTS

00910 *DATO will output REV (if any), MO, DA, YR.

00930 A16A CE AC0E DATO LDX #FMD Start of FLEX date registers
00940 A16D A6 00 DATO1 LDA A #X Entry for creation date
00950 A16F 07 A104 STA A #0 Local register
00960 A172 EE 01 LDX 1,X Get DA, YR
00970 A174 FF A105 STX DA
00980 A177 8D AD24 JSR PCRLF Do a CRLF
00990 A17A F6 A103 LDA B REV Look at REV register
01000 A17D 27 0E BEQ DATO2 Nothing? Omit mention.

01010 A17F CE A204 LDX #REV 'Rev '
01020 A182 8D A18D JSR STRNGO Output text
01030 A185 17 TBA Swap # into A
01040 A186 8D 3A BSR NUMO Output it
01050 A18B 86 20 LDA A #520 Space
01060 A18A 8D AD1B JSR PUTCHR Output that

01080 A18D 86 A104 DATO2 LDA A #0 Get month (binary)
01090 A190 27 22 BEQ ENDPRT #0? Print one zero.
01100 A192 CE A20E LDX #NOTAB Table of names
01110 A195 4A HEXH DEC A Count 'em out
01120 A196 27 0B BEQ DPRINT Found it? Print it.
01130 A198 0B INX Step to next
01140 A199 60 00 TST #X Loop
01150 A19B 26 FB BHI LOOP Looking for 00 delimiter
01160 A19D 0B INX Past delimiter
01170 A19E 20 F5 BRA HEXH Try this one

01190 A1A0 8D 1B DPRINT BSR STRNGO Run month name
01200 A1A2 86 20 LDA A #520 Space
01210 A1A4 8D AD1B JSR PUTCHR Output it
01220 A1A7 86 A105 LDA A #0A
01230 A1AA 8D 16 BSR NUMO Text string '1, 19'
01240 A1AC CE A209 LDX #CENTUS Run it
01250 A1AF 0C BSR STRNGO
01260 A1B1 86 A106 LDA A YR
01270 A1B4 8D 0C ENDPRT BSR NUMO
01280 A1B6 7E AD03 JHP WARYS All done.

01300 A1B9 8D AD1B STRNG1 JSR PUTCHR
01310 A1BC 0B INX
01320 A1BD A6 00 STRNGO LDA A #X Entry point
01330 A1BF 26 FB BNE STRNG1 #0 is delimiter
01340 A1C1 39 RTS

01360 A1C2 5F NUMO CLR B No leading zeros
01370 A1C3 F7 A107 STA B NUMH No garbage in MSB
01380 A1C6 87 A108 STA A NUMH Data
01390 A1C9 CE A107 LDX #NUMH Pointer for 4 digits
01400 A1CC 7E AD39 JHP OUTDEC Print the last 1 or 2

01420 *FILDAT looks up a file creation date

01440 A1CF CE AB40 FILDAT LDX #FCB Use system FCB
01450 A1D2 8D AD2D JSR GETFIL Get filename from buffer
01460 A1D5 24 04 BCC FILO1 OK? Set extension
01470 A1D7 C6 15 LDA B #515 Code for filename error
01480 A1D9 20 26 BRA FERR
01490 A1DB 86 01 FILO1 LDA A #1 Open for read
01500 A1DD A7 00 STA A #X Into FCB
01510 A1DF 86 00 LDA A #0 Default extension (.BIN)
01520 A1E1 8D AD33 JSR SETEXT Set default if no ext.
01530 A1E4 8D 8406 JSR FMS Open file

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01540 A1E7 26 16 BNE FERR1
01550 A1E9 86 04 LDA A #4 Close-file code
01560 A1EB A7 00 STA A #X
01570 A1ED 8D 8406 JSR FMS Do it
01580 A1F0 26 00 BNE FERR1 Problems?
01590 A1F2 A6 18 LDA A #18,X Byte 24, non-FLEX Rev #
01600 A1F4 07 A103 STA A #18 FLEX files will have 00
01610 A1F7 C6 19 LDA B #519
01620 A1F9 8D AD36 JSR ADDBX Point to creation date
01630 A1FC 7E A16D JHP DATO1 Load MO-DA-YR and output.

01650 A1FF E6 01 FERR1 LDA B 1,X Get error code
01660 A201 7E A150 FERR JHP SYNER1 Report & exit

01680 A204 52 REVT FCC /Rev /
01690 A208 00 FCB #
01700 A209 2C CENTUS FCC # 1, 19/
01710 A 00 00 FCB #

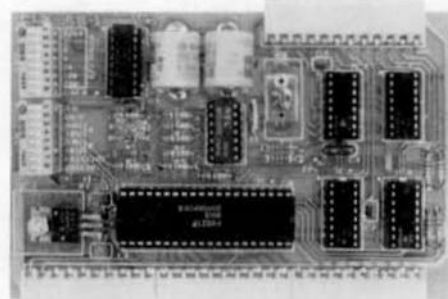
01730 A20E 4A NOTAB FCC /January/
01740 A215 00 FCB #
01750 A216 46 FCC /February/
01760 A21E 00 FCB #
01770 A21F 4D FCC /March/
01780 A224 00 FCB #
01790 A225 41 FCC /April/
01800 A22A 00 FCB #
01810 A22B 4D FCC /May/
01820 A22E 00 FCB #
01830 A22F 4A FCC /June/
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01860 A238 00 FCB #
01870 A239 41 FCC /August/
01880 A23F 00 FCB #
01890 A240 53 FCC /September/
01900 A249 00 FCB #
01910 A24A 4F FCC /October/
01920 A251 00 FCB #
01930 A252 4E FCC /November/
01940 A25A 00 FCB #
01950 A25B 44 FCC /December/
01960 A263 00 FCB #.5FF

01980 A04B ORG $A04B
01990 A04B A100 FDB $A100 Transfer address.
02000 EHD

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This brings me to the substance of my letter. Why does "American Management" make such bad decisions? What happened to personal pride in a job well done? My experience has been that even though engineering is sometimes difficult, it is infinitely more difficult to talk to management. Witness the millions that have been lost in the computer field by companies that "had it made". I have seen people who seem much smarter than I am (and whom I personally liked) make absolutely unworkable decisions. No wonder the Japanese can penetrate our market so easily.

Of course we all make mistakes. When I do, I make no bones about it. Hiding an error hurts everyone, and can end up costing more than most people are willing to admit.

In the publication you work for you come in constant contact with software and hardware that just does not work right. There is no excuse for this, but it happens all the time. I have seen equipment costing more than \$10,000 which was not even a good boat anchor. At my last job I saw a computer driven test system built that was a joke from the start. When all the smoke cleared the grapevine had it that a quarter million went down the tubes. I knew most of the people involved. Not one of them was unintelligent or dishonest, but still the fiasco went ahead.

Perhaps I should not unload all this on you. You are probably quite busy, and have heard all this before. What I am really trying to find out is the description of the new Radio Shack Color Computer disk controller, and whether the computer is worth developing hardware and software for. After working with FLEX, CPM, OS8, RTS8 and proprietary operating systems and building working hardware, I feel I have the qualifications needed.

Eds Note: This letter was sent to us with a request that this letter not be published since the writer felt that by having his name appear at the bottom, it might not be too difficult for someone to figure out which company he worked for and possibly the people he mentioned. Since some of the thoughts expressed in this letter are shared by many in the SS50 industry, I have taken the responsibility of inserting it into the Bit Bucket.

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73  GET DirName, Pwd
74  GET DirName, Pwd, To, \ GET DirName, Pwd
75  OPEN DirName, Pwd, To, To
76  REPEAT
77  GET DirName, Pwd
78  REPEAT
79  GET DirName, Pwd
80  UNTIL Char=1127
81  UNTIL Char=1127
82  RETURN

```

File	3	26	60	78	7a
Name	3	19	20	81	
DirPath	4	28	29	56	
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10	9	11			
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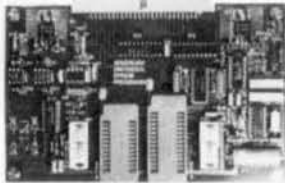
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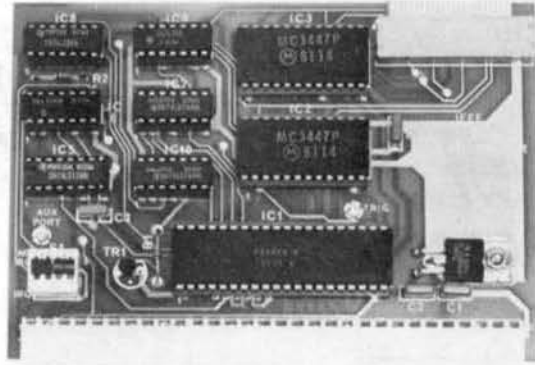
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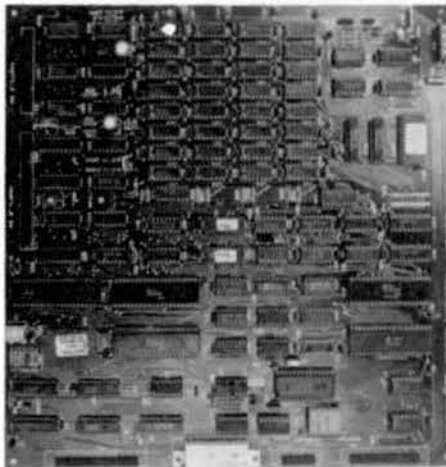
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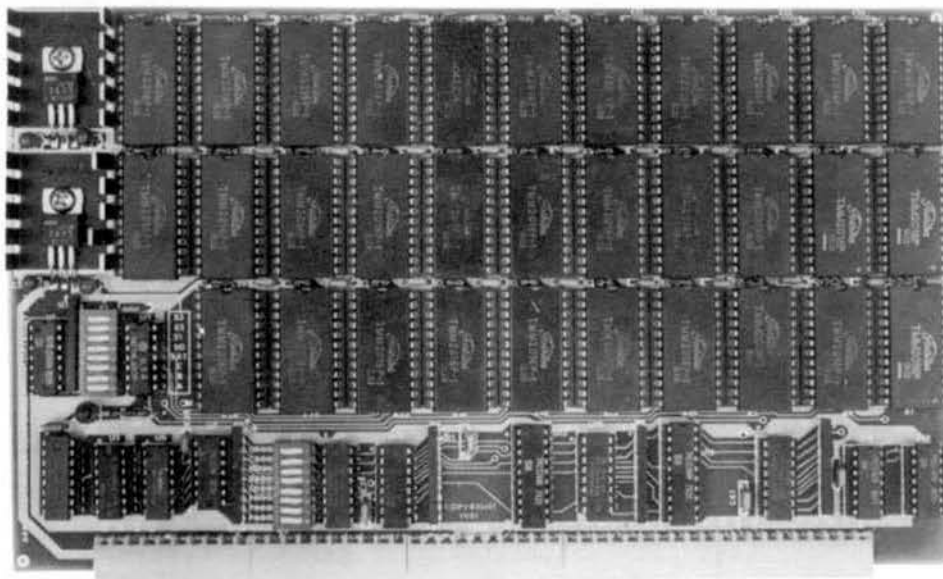
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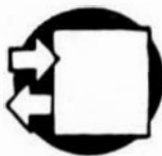
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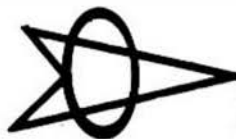
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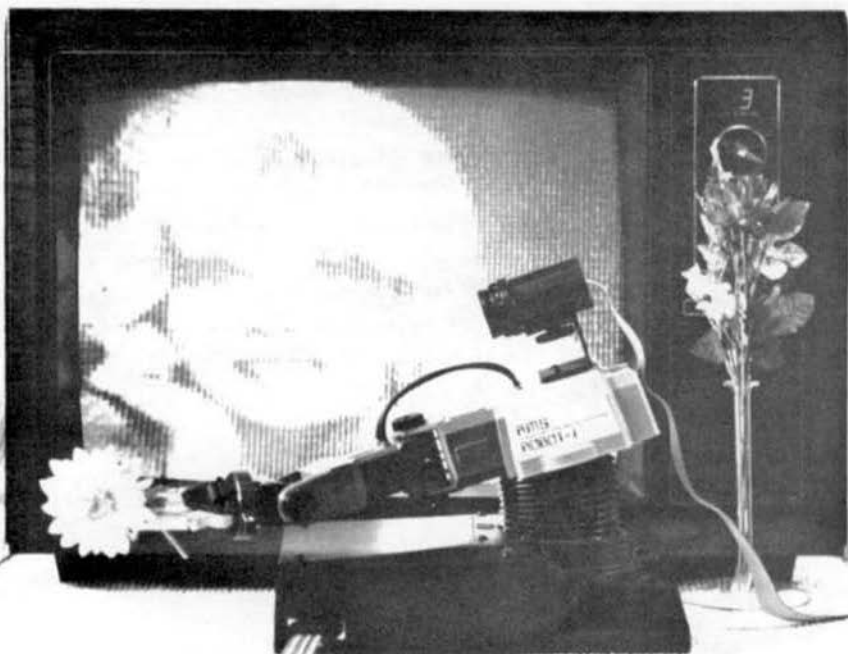


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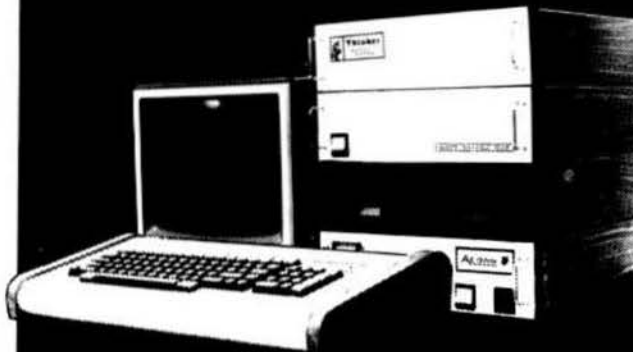
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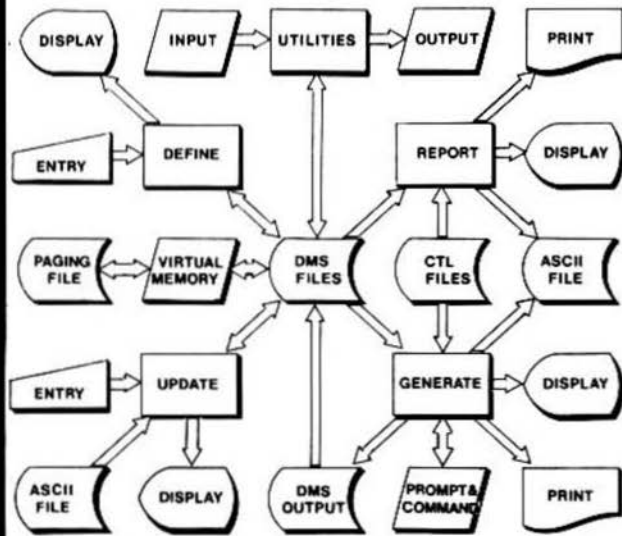
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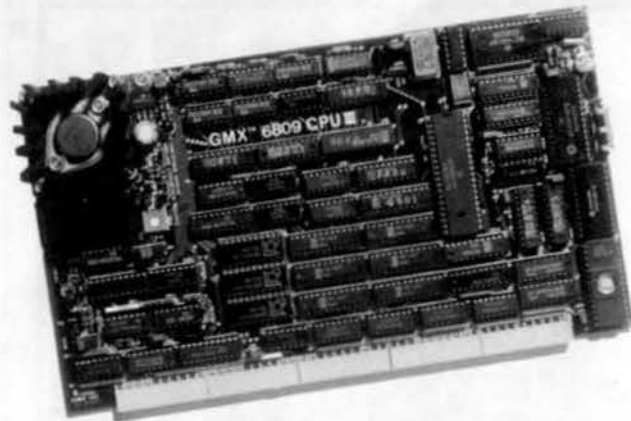
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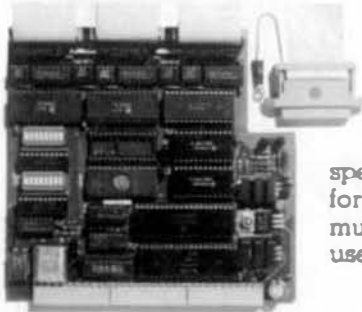
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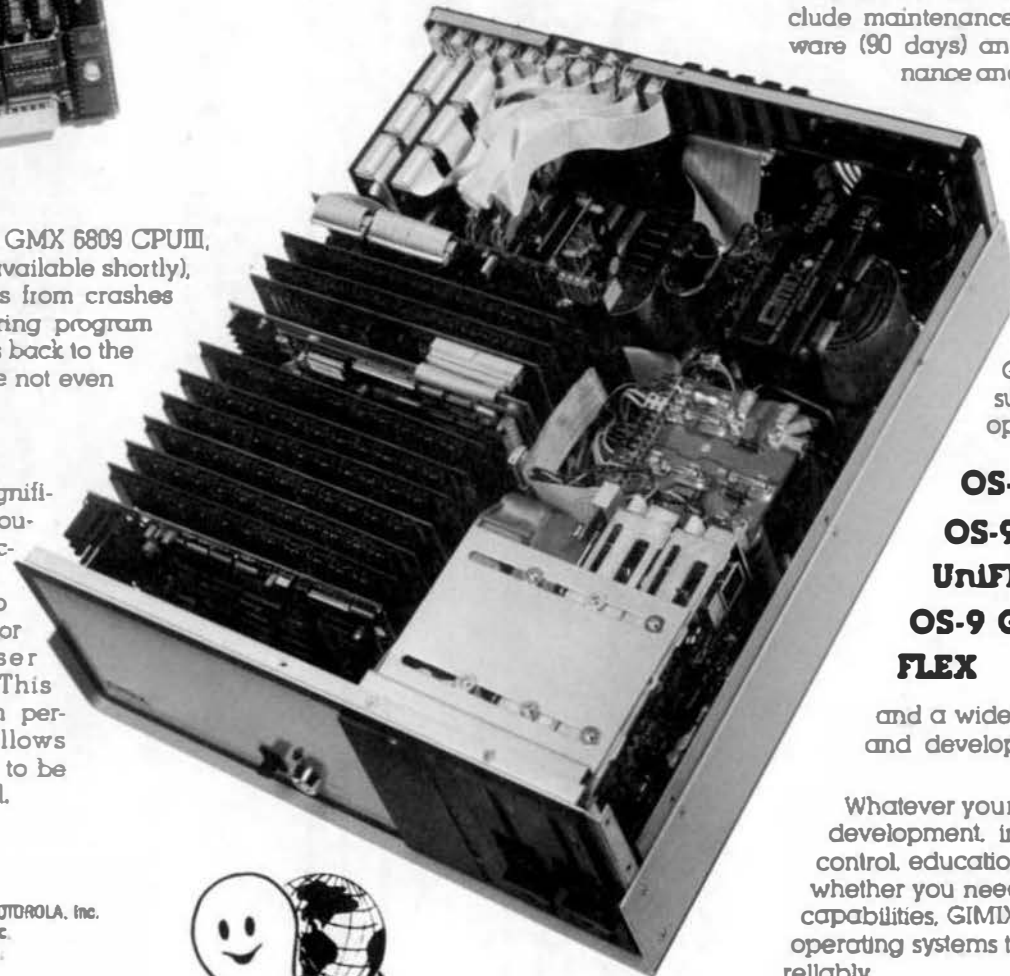
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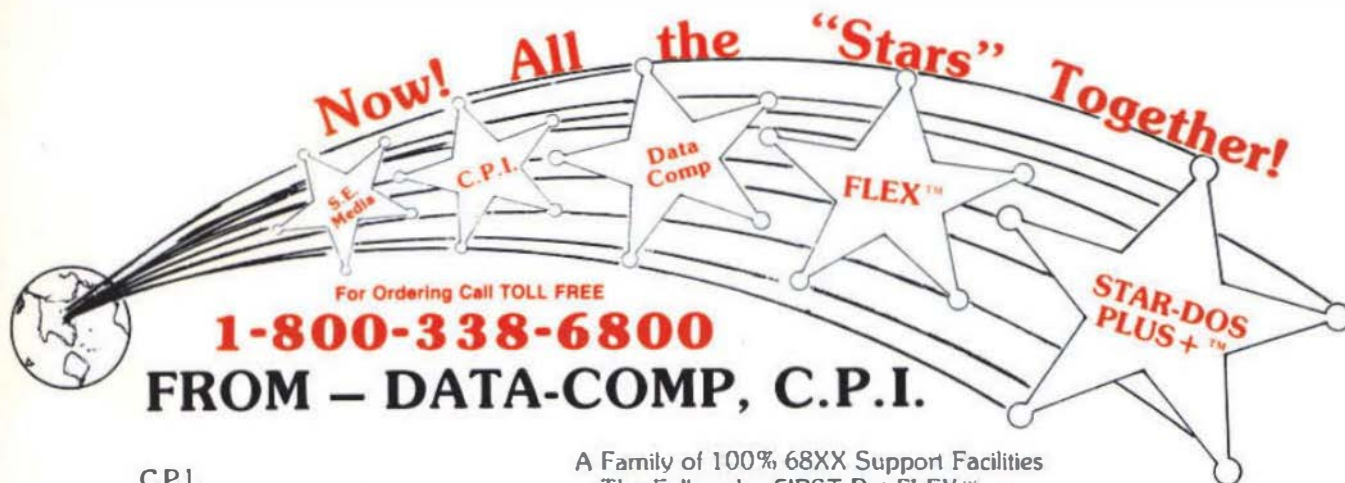
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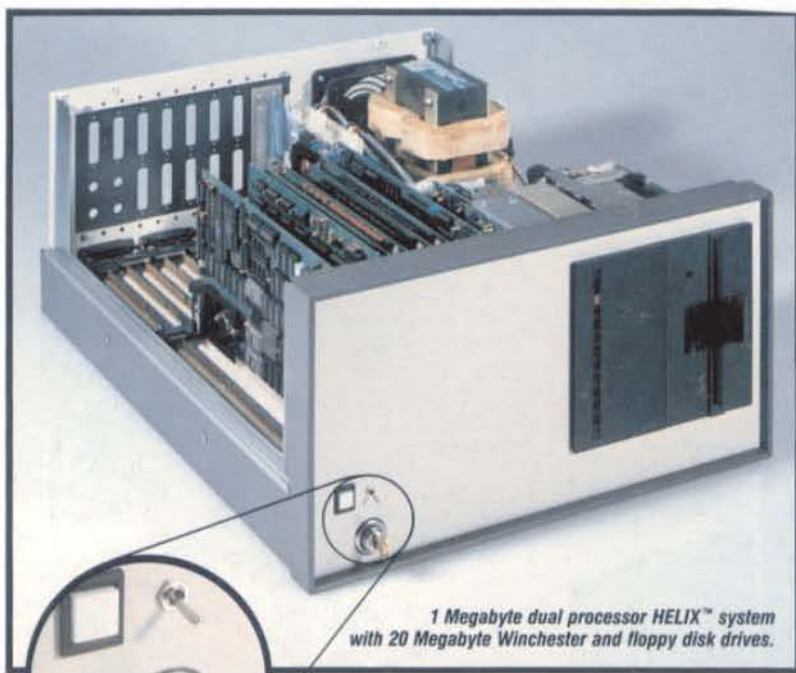
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